Today's Weather. Fair.

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THE WEATHER

Fair.

Fair and warm today and fair weather for tomorrow is the Washington observer's forecast for Pittsburgh and vicinity. The maximum temperature yesterday was 30 and the minimum 12 degrees. The sun rose cloudy at 7:39 and set clear at 4:54 yesterday. The daily report, furnished by the local weather office, follows:

Time.	Bar.	Tem.	Hum.	Wind.	Weather.
8 a. m.	30.25	15	75	N.E.	Part Cldy
8 p. m.	30.10	25	75	N.E.	Clear

Comparative temperature and precipitation for December 15:

	1904	1903		1904	1903
Maximum	30	18	Mean	21	14
Minimum	12	11	Precipitation	60	T.
Nor. temp. 31 yrs.	35		Nor. precip. 31 yrs.	.99	
Def'cy for day	14		Def'cy since Dec. 1	.73	
Def'cy since Dec. 1	122		Def'cy since Jan. 1	8.21	
Def'cy since Jan. 1	610				

Official Weather Report.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 15.—Forecast:

Western Pennsylvania and Ohio—Fair and warmer Friday; Saturday fair in south, snow in north portions; increasing south to southeast winds.

West Virginia—Fair and warmer Friday; Saturday fair.

Observations taken at weather bureau stations at 8 p. m.:

Cincinnati	32	Clear	Indianapolis	22	Clear
Memphis	36	Clear	Philadelphia	26	Snow
Vicksburg	40	Clear	Washington	34	Snow
Louisville	28	Cloudy	El Paso	52	Pt Cldy
Chicago	22	Pt Cldy	New Orleans	48	Clear
St. Louis	28	Clear	Nashville	30	Cloudy
Kansas City	28	Cloudy	Duluth	16	Snow
Cairo	50	Clear	Denver	38	Clear
New York	28	Snow	St. Paul	20	Snow
Buffalo	14	Clear	Huron	30	Cloudy
Cleveland	22	Clear	Helena	26	Snow
Omaha	30	Cloudy	Salt Lake	34	Clear

OATH TO TEAR OUT HIS HEART

Ex-Mormon Apostle Tells of the Horrors of the Endowment House.

TO MUTILATE BODY

Violation of the Obligations Is Punishable by Terrible Death.

SMOOT TO TAKE THE STAND

[By Private Wire to The Gazette.]

WASHINGTON, Dec. 15.—Mormon Apostle August Lundstrom, called again today as a witness against the faith he formerly was an adherent of, made the hair of the senate committee investigating the Smoot case stand on end. He told graphically of the observances in the endowment house in the temple at Salt Lake City. He knew them because he had witnessed their administration a half dozen times.

"When a candidate receives the various oaths do the priests give him robes?" was asked by Senator Burrows.

"Yes. The candidate is dressed in a single garment only. It is of flimsy material and covers the body partially," replied Mr. Lundstrom.

"Are there signs, insignia, marks on this garment?"

"There are three that I remember. They are clearly shown. On the breast of the gown is a mark resembling a compass. On the stomach is another one; on the left knee another. They are like buttonholes."

"What do these signs indicate?"

Would Tear Out His Heart.

"The mark on the breast is to remind one that if he should ever violate the obligations imposed on him he should be ready and willing to have his breast ripped open and his heart torn therefrom. The one on the stomach serves to remind the applicant that should he deviate the slightest from the oath he should have his body rent in twain, his entrails scattered in the dust, his flesh cut into bits. The sign on the knee intends to remind one always that the knee is ready to bow to the will of the church; to the beck of the apostles."

The white gowns given joiners of the faith, he said, were worn by the members always. They were ever a part of the apparel, ever telling the faithful that it was a shield against harm on earth and would withstand the arrows of indictments that might be javelined on his application at the gates of heaven.

"Is this garment worn always, never changed?" Senator Dubois asked, seriously.

"Oh, they are changed sometimes for sanitary reasons," the witness answered, "but no sooner does one go off than another is put on."

Smoot to Testify Today.

While Mr. Lundstrom is on the stand, there is seated near him always George Reynolds, one of the seven presidents of the church, who has confessed that he still lives in polygamy; that he conceived it to be his bounded duty, a moral obligation to care for and bestow affection upon his wives taken before the date of the manifesto. There is no affection between the two.

Senator Smoot will likely be put on the witness stand tomorrow. He will be asked if he ever subscribed to the oath "promising to wreak vengeance on the nation," for the alleged persecution of Joseph F. Smith.

It was the wish of Senator Burrows that Mr. Lundstrom describe the ceremonies in the gloomy recesses of that Mormon house of horrors, but he declined, saying it would take a long time and that he was unwilling to go into its secret workings any further. He was not compelled. In further explanation of the marriages of the living with the dead he said he had married a woman that was dead. But the ceremony, as he understood it, was intended to bind him for eternity, to join him in that other world with celestial ties to the woman in the case.

The Manifesto Is Evaded.

When his testimony had been concluded counsel for the prosecution said that several witnesses who should be present had been delayed en route from the west by reason of the storms, and he asked for adjournment until tomorrow. It was stated to the committee that all testimony the prosecution would introduce would be in by Wednesday next.

John Nicholson, chief recording secretary of the Mormons, developed into the most recalcitrant witness so far examined. He wouldn't tell anything he was not compelled to tell. He has charge of all the marriage records. Those ceremonies performed outside the temple are not kept by him. This goes to prove that marriages take place elsewhere for the express purpose of technically going around the manifesto.

"Will you repeat the oath of the marriage ceremony?" he was asked.

"It is a part of the covenant and I will not disclose it," he answered positively. Mr. Nicholson refused to tell the committee the dates of his own marriages, saying he had forgotten. He is to be examined further.

J. H. Wallis, Sr., another apostle re-examined, told of his row with the church. He, too, explained the oaths. Mr. Worthington, for the defense, asked him if he ever had had his throat cut, that being one of the penalties he had told about. The witness had not, though he had divulged the Mormon secret. Once he had been attacked in the streets of Salt Lake City, he said, and had received many threatening letters.

"When did you abandon the faith?"

"Ever since I paid $2 75 to the wife of a bishop and failed to get any account of it," he said.

Children like Piso's Cure. It is pleasant to take and cures their coughs. 25c.

"Religious Liberties" Hit by Uncle Sam's "Persecution."

DEPEW IS AWAY SHORT OF VOTES

Odell Says He Will Have Fewer Than 40 of 140 Republican Legislators.

MOST OF LEADERS FOR BLACK

The Pittsburgh Gazette Bureau.
Herald Building, Herald Square.
NEW YORK, Dec. 15.

Twenty-six Republican leaders were in a conference, which was held tonight in a parlor at the Republican club. They were asked by Gov. Odell to say whether they desired the re-election of Senator Depew or the election of Mr. Black. Seventeen of them declared for Black, seven for Depew, and two of them—Gov. Odell and Speaker Nixon—indicated no preference.

One of the dramatic scenes of the conference was caused by Cornelius N. Bliss, who is a warm supporter of Senator Depew. Mr. Bliss told the governor and his friends that if they decided to elect Mr. Black in place of Senator Depew, it would be regarded as a breach of faith.

At the close of the discussion, Gov. Odell said the sentiment as represented by the leaders seemed to be overwhelmingly for Mr. Black, that he had done nothing to influence it and had never requested any legislator to desert Mr. Depew. He said if there should be a contest in the caucus Senator Depew would be able to count less than 40 votes of the 140 Republican legislators. This assertion attracted much attention. It will require 101 votes to elect a senator.

The Times will say tomorrow relative to the conference: "It is understood that some of the friends of Senator Depew will call upon Gov.-elect Higgins today (Friday) and ask him to declare himself. Up to this time Gov. Higgins has succeeded in concealing his preference."

FREE TRADE A MENACE IN IRISH PROSPERITY

Joseph Chamberlain So Declares and Says Protection Would Benefit British Workmen.

[Associated Press Cable to The Gazette.]

LONDON, Dec. 15.—Joseph Chamberlain addressed a meeting of London East Enders tonight. C. A. Pearson, the well-known newspaper proprietor, presided.

Mr. Chamberlain devoted his speech largely to a discussion of the fiscal question. He predicted that a tax upon the imports would materially benefit the workingmen of Great Britain and insisted that alien immigration must be checked. While he sympathized with unfortunate people, who were driven from their own country by "the utmost brutality," he said Great Britain could not be burdened with the element which is responsible for most of the crime, poverty and disease to be found in industrial centers. He advocated founding some colony under English rule to which aliens could be diverted from over-crowded England. He pointed out the fact even now a deputation is leaving for East Africa where hundreds of thousands of fertile acres are untilled, and where unfortunates could find refuge. In speaking of the effect of free imports, Mr. Chamberlain said Ireland was an instance. That country was beggared because its industry, agriculture, was ruined by free imports, while no other industry was found to replace it.

DEMAND AID FOR IRISH.

Meeting Held at Dublin and John Redmond Presides—Relief Measures Already Taken.

DUBLIN, Dec. 15.—The meeting of the Irish parliamentary party to discuss the distress in the west of Ireland was held here today under the presidency of John Redmond. A resolution was adopted condemning the government for the existing distress in Ireland, demanding that immediate steps be taken to relieve it and also demanding that power be given for the distribution of land in the poor districts.

The local government board, however, to some degree forestalled the meeting by taking steps which it is considered will give relief.

PRISON CELL IS MOCKING AT SUMMERFIELD'S BOAST

NEW YORK, Dec. 15.—After boasting for years that he would never serve sentence, Lawrence Summerfield, one of the best-known confidence men in this country and Europe, went to Sing Sing prison today to begin a sentence of not less than four years nor more than seven years and six months. He made the trip from this city handcuffed to Frank Richards, a convicted burglar.

AUGUST BELMONT SUCCEEDS HANNA

New York Financier Is Elected to Presidency of Civic Federation.

CARNEGIE'S ADDRESS IS READ

The Pittsburgh Gazette Bureau.
Herald Building, Herald Square.
NEW YORK, Dec. 15.

August Belmont was unanimously elected president of the National Civic Federation at its fourth annual meeting at the Park Avenue hotel today. It was at the dinner of the evening that Mr. Belmont was chosen successor to the late Senator Marcus A. Hanna. The men who voted for his election were about 270 in number, almost evenly divided between the capital and labor of the country.

Mr. Belmont was nominated by Franklin MacVeagh of Chicago, a capitalist, and his nomination was seconded by William D. Mahon, president of the Amalgamated Association of Street Railway Employes, the organization which only a few months ago might have approved a strike on the "L."

Samuel Gompers was re-elected first vice president, while Oscar S. Straus became second vice president. Henry Phipps was chosen chairman of the ways and means committee; Charles A. Moore, treasurer; H. H. Vreeland, chairman of the welfare department, while for the trade agreement department two chairmen were chosen—Francis L. Robbins of Pittsburgh and John Mitchell.

Progress in the work for which the federation was founded was the keynote of the day, and appeared in the reports of the morning and afternoon sessions, as well as in the speeches of the evening at the dinner, at which Mr. Gompers presided as toastmaster.

When Mr. Gompers announced that Andrew Carnegie's indisposition kept him away and wished for a speedy recovery and improved health for the ironmaster, there was much applause. He then introduced Ralph M. Easley, who read Mr. Carnegie's address as follows:

I have been furnished with an admirable text—"Industrial Peace." This is the day of peaceful arbitration, of treaties among nations to promote "international peace"—a benificent change, even although these agreements reserve two kinds of disputes for the arbitrament of war in the last resort.

We should always remember with satisfaction that peace reigns in six-sevenths of the industrial world. There are only 7,000,000 of 22,000,000 engaged in gainful pursuits, in mechanical and manufacturing occupations. Now, we hear nothing of war in the agricultural branch, which of itself has more than 10,000,000 of workers. The farmer and his farm hands co-operate peacefully, and their relations are satisfactory, as we safely infer from the absence of quarrel between them. In domestic service, comprising 5,500,000, all is peace; perhaps in this department the relations of employer and employed are most satisfactory of all. How very few are the homes with servants in which we do not find several old retainers, old nurses or old butlers, old coachmen, old gardeners, who pass their old age in comfort as part of the household and as valued friends.

The Personal Equation.

These facts lead us to the cause of much of the tension and strife found in the manufacturing and mechanical departments. It rests just here: The former bring in the personal equation, but into the latter, nowadays, that scarcely enters. It is these personal relations, the knowledge of the virtues of the employer and employed, revealed to each other, creating mutual regard, that establish the reign of peace in agricultural and domestic service.

Small manufacturers and contractors, employing each a few men, rarely have trouble with each other. Each man knows the qualities of the employed and the employer knows his men. Naturally they become interested in each other, and mutual esteem, often ripening to affection, insures not only peace, but good will. Eliminating the class of small employers, there remain out of the 7,000,000 engaged in manufacturing and mechanical pursuits probably not more than 3,000,000, from whom the blessings of peace are often swept away in industrial war. That is, out of 22,000,000 of workers six-sevenths may be assumed to have industrial peace. Only one-seventh, employed in huge numbers at the large works or mines, are exposed to successive and disastrous outbursts of war, and this chiefly for the reason employers and employes are strangers to each other's good qualities. It is, therefore, to this class, employers equally with employes, we of the Civic Federation require to devote most of our thoughts and efforts. I am persuaded, that quarrels arise quite as often from the employer's ignorance of the fine qualities of his employes as from ignorance on the part

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RIVER AND HARBOR BILL IN DANGER

Senate Is Expected to Load Down the Measure With Deadly Amendments.

PREPARATION DRAGS ALONG

The Pittsburgh Gazette Bureau.
Room 10, Postal Building.
WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 15.

There is grave danger that the river and harbor bill may not become a law this year. That it will pass the house there is not the least doubt, but it is almost equally certain that when it gets to the senate it will be loaded down with amendments. Here is where the danger lies and in its amended shape the bill will require all the influence it can muster to become a law.

As it passes the house the bill will authorize between $40,000,000 and $50,000,000, of which about $20,000,000 will be for spending during the fiscal year, 1905-6. This appropriation will represent perhaps one-tenth of the demand for appropriations. The disappointed ones will take their projects to the senate and the senate has never failed to load a river and harbor bill.

This situation will face a conference committee in the closing days of the session. The work of preparation of the bill in the house committee has dragged in spite of all efforts. It was first expected out before the holidays; then right after the holidays; now it may be reported by January 15. It will be well into February when the struggle in conference committee begins on the river and harbor bill. Congress adjourns March 4.

If the bill is loaded in spite of the house there remains always the expedient adopted by Senator Carter, who talked the bill to death on the last day.

J. SHARP WILSON WANTS A SUPERIOR JUDGESHIP

Beaver County Jurist Confers With Republican Leaders at Washington.

[By Private Wire to The Gazette.]

WASHINGTON, Dec. 15.—Judge J. Sharp Wilson and District Attorney Cooper of Beaver county were here today to see Senators Penrose and Knox. They called upon Representative Acheson and other friends about the capitol. It is understood that Judge Wilson would be pleased to have the nomination for a place on the superior court bench of Pennsylvania, and the object of his visit here is believed to be to consult with the state leaders on this subject.

The terms of Judges Ordlay, Beaver, Smith and Rice expire next year, and it would please the friends of Judge Wilson to have him succeed one of these gentlemen. None of the retiring members of the court come from the western end of the state, which fact may have some bearing on the situation.

L. W. STRAYER.

PRESS KEY, BEHOLD LOGIC.

California Professor Working on a Machine Which Will Answer Syllogistic Propositions.

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 15.—(Special.)—A "logic machine" which will give all possible answers to syllogistic propositions as fast as they are propounded is the interesting device of which Dr. Chas P. Rieber, assistant professor of logic in the University of California, has been working.

By manipulation of circles and electric lights the machine will when the proper keys are pressed down throw into relief all the formulas that are possible answers to the logical questions, without the chance of the slightest error.

NEW YORK TO HAVE ANOTHER SUBWAY

NEW YORK, Dec. 15.—The rapid transit commission today granted a 25-year franchise for a tunnel under Sixth avenue from Christopher street to Thirty-third street, to the New York & New Jersey Railroad Company. The same company was granted a perpetual franchise for a cross-town line from the West Side to Second avenue, under Christopher street. The proposed lines will connect with a tunnel to Jersey City.

Robert E. Pattison Fund Grows.

PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 15.—The total contributions to the Robert E. Pattison fund now amounts to about $17,000. It is expected that the matter will be closed this week, and that a meeting of the committee will be held early next week in order to arrange for the investment of the fund, as contemplated by the contributors.

NEW REIN FOR CORPORATIONS

President Roosevelt to Propose Law for Federal Charters.

MESSAGE EXPECTED

Concerns Engaged in Interstate Commerce May Be Affected by Legislation.

RESULT OF INVESTIGATIONS

The Pittsburgh Gazette Bureau.
Room 10, Postal Building.
WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 15.

Among those best acquainted with the president's views and purposes in regard to the solution of the trust problem it is expected that in a message to congress after the holiday recess he will urge the wisdom of requiring that all corporations engaged in interstate commerce shall organize under federal charters and thus pass under control of the general government so far as their corporate capacity and conduct are concerned.

This course will be the result of long study and exhaustive inquiry into the management of interstate corporations and their effect upon the public in the matter of trade, prices, supply and demand, transportation and distribution. The range of this inquiry finally will be shown in the published reports of the investigation of the beef trust, the oil trust, and the tobacco trust. Mr. Garfield, the commissioner of corporations, has been engaged since his appointment a year ago in framing the inquiry into trust data and at every stage has directed and inspired the work of the special experts in the field.

The interstate corporations becoming creatures of the national government will thus be made amenable to the supervision and restraint of the general government in much the same way that national banks are now subject to the general government. This may be an extreme interpretation of the position to be taken, but it is in line with the impression of the president's conclusions by those who have any information on the subject.

It is expected that portions, if not all, of the beef investigation report and the reports in the oil and tobacco inquiries will be sent to congress simultaneously with the message and for the purpose of publication as public documents. It is understood that the broad rule will be followed that all features of the beef inquiry relating to the public interests are properly within the scope of the publicity sought by the law and only such matters as might be fairly claimed to be essentially of a private character or to be concerned vitally with the business integrity, solvency and perpetuity of a concern will be kept out of the reports sent to congress.

It is known from sources that are worthy of the fullest credence that the president is convinced of the efficacy of the principle of federal charters and federal commerce. This information has not yet become sufficiently known at the capitol to have elicited any general expression of opinion. There is some anticipation of strenuous opposition from certain quarters to the president's proposition. The legal effect of it is such that action by congress is surely to be preceded by weeks of debate.

L. W. STRAYER.

ATTEMPT TO BRIBE STATE WITNESS IN MARCUM CASE

Mother of Feltner Tells of Propositions Made to Her in Behalf of the Defense.

[Special Telegram to The Gazette.]

WINCHESTER, KY., Dec. 15.—Mrs. Rebecca Baley of Leslie county was the star witness in the Marcum case today. She is the mother of Mose Feltner, who has figured so conspicuously in this case. She told of Ed. Callahan meeting her as she was on her way to attend the present trial, and that he tried to get her to influence her son to be with the defense.

She also told of a visit of Pult French to her home at Leslie county. French tried to get her to influence Mose Feltner so that his testimony should be in favor of the defense; told her that the defense did not mind paying out $8,000 or $10,000; that Feltner would probably get 20 years in the penitentiary and maybe hang when tried at Jackson for the murder of Jesse Fields; that the defense could get him out of this trouble; that Gov. Beckham was their friend and would do what they wished.

PHYSICIAN STRICKEN WHEN ABOUT TO AMPUTATE LEG

ALTOONA, Dec. 15.—(Special.)—Dr. Sherman C. Troxell, for many years Pennsylvania railroad physician at Gallitzin, died this evening. Dr. Troxell, with two other physicians, was about to amputate the leg of Michael Rudolph in Gallitzin, when he was stricken with apoplexy and subsequently suffered two more strokes. He never regained consciousness and died in the room where he had intended performing the operation. He was 50 years old.

WORLD'S FAIR IS SOLD ON INSTALLMENT PLAN

ST. LOUIS, Dec. 15.—The contract for the sale of the property offered by the world's fair company to a Chicago wrecking company for $450,000, was signed today and the first payment of $100,000 made. The remaining $350,000 is to be paid in installments. The wrecking of the buildings will begin immediately.

Population of Berlin Is 2,000,000

BERLIN, Dec. 15.—Berlin has passed the 2,000,000 mark in the population of the city proper. The adjoining suburbs have a population of nearly 750,000 persons.

PLEADS IN VAIN WITH PRISONER

Aged Banker Has Dramatic Meeting With Mrs. Chadwick in Jail.

LAWYER IS PUZZLED

Woman Makes Task Hard for Her Counsel by Changing Her Version of Case.

GETS MEALS FROM A HOTEL

[By Associated Press to The Gazette.]

CLEVELAND, Dec. 15.—Mrs. Chadwick's first day in the county jail was a busy one for her. She received several visits from her attorneys, held long conferences with them, conversed with newspaper men and for 15 minutes stood face to face with President Beckwith of the Oberlin bank, who has come to such great trouble through his financial transactions with her.

The meeting was dramatic. The aged banker had been for hours before the county grand jury, went to the office of Sheriff Barry this afternoon and asked if he might see Mrs. Chadwick. The sheriff readily consented and Mrs. Chadwick was eager to meet him. Accompanied by Mrs. Beckwith, who, owing to her husband's ill health, is always by his side, the aged banker made his way slowly and feebly up the long flights of iron stairs leading to Mrs. Chadwick's cell. She met him at the entrance of the corridor and shook hands with him cordially. After some general conversation, Mr. Beckwith referred to their business relations, by saying:

Beckwith Pleads With Woman.

"Mrs. Chadwick, you have ruined me, but I'm not so sure yet you are a fraud. I have stood by you to my last dollar, and I do think now that the time has come for you to make known everything in relation to this thing."

Beckwith's voice betrayed deep emotion as he spoke, and he leaned heavily on the arm of his wife, who was almost compelled to support him, so great was his physical weakness. Mrs. Chadwick did not reply directly to the words of Mr. Beckwith, but her manner and the look on her face were not conciliatory. Seeing that she would not answer, Mr. Beckwith went on:

"I have always told you that I did not like it because you changed your lawyers so often. Why don't you get a good one and stick to him?"

"Well," said Mrs. Chadwick in reply, "I have reasons for that."

"Have you heard from Judge Olcott, recently?" was Mr. Beckwith's next question.

"Not since I left New York," was Mrs. Chadwick's reply.

"Has he changed his mind?"

"No, he has the same belief he always held."

May Appear in Court Today.

To what matter the questions referred was not known. Mr. and Mrs. Beckwith then both said they hoped the matters connected with the Chadwick affair would be eventually straightened out. The interview then closed. Mrs. Chadwick thanked them for calling, shook hands with Mr. and Mrs. Beckwith, and said she would be pleased to have them call again.

There is a possibility that the hearing in the Chadwick case may be resumed tomorrow morning in the bankruptcy court, and that she will be summoned as a witness. Receiver Loeser said late this afternoon that he had made no arrangement to have her summoned tomorrow morning, although he might ask in the morning that it be done.

"I know nothing of her physical condition," said Mr. Loeser, "and do not wish to have her called until she is able to undergo an examination that may be of some length. The chances are that there will be no hearing before Saturday or Monday."

An application for an additional receiver for the Chadwick estate was made in the common pleas court this afternoon by the Savings Deposit Banking and Trust Company of Elyria, O., which has brought suit against Mrs. Chadwick on two notes of $25,000 and $10,000.

Hard Task for Attorneys.

Mrs. Chadwick this afternoon retained the attorney who is to conduct her defense when she is called for trial in the federal court. He is J. P. Dawley, one of the leading criminal lawyers of Cleveland. Shelton J. Kerrulsh will assist Mr. Dawley. Mr. Kerrulsh said this afternoon:

"It is very difficult to know what is best to do for Mrs. Chadwick. One says one thing, and a little later will give a totally different version of the same matter. Until we have succeeded in getting her affairs straightened out, it will be difficult to say what we will do. I do not know of any case where it has been so difficult for an attorney to get his bearings."

Mrs. Chadwick's first night in the county jail was passed in a comfortable manner, according to her own statement, and this morning she was not only contented with her surroundings, but expressed herself to the matron, Mrs. Hall, as being delighted at being again "with her friends in Cleveland." The first persons to call at the jail to see her were her son, Emil Hoover, and her nurse. The latter came down from Mrs. Chadwick's home with some clothing for Mrs. Chadwick and some linen for her bed. When informed by the matron of the extent of the jail menu card, the prisoner expressed herself as not satisfied with the prospect, and asked that arrangements be made with a hotel close by to send in her meals. This was done.

Many Curious Callers.

A great many persons made strenuous efforts to see Mrs. Chadwick during the early part of the morning, and Sheriff Barry was kept busy turning them away. They came to the jail in swarms and they kept the sheriff's telephone bell on a constant jingle.

"I don't know who they are," said the sheriff, "I don't know any of them. I

ask them what they want to see her for and they say they are friends of hers and would like to have a talk with her. Some of them claim to have business with her, but they will not say what the nature of their business may be. I know that one or two of them are people who desire to serve notice of suits for debt upon her, but they will be obliged to wait for a time at least. I guess lots of people think that we keep a circus down here, and that anybody can get in. I will not have the woman disturbed in such a manner while I have charge of her."

Mrs. Chadwick received a reporter in the jail today and gave out what she said would be her last interview.

"I am very much disheartened after reading the accounts of my home-coming in the morning papers," she said, "and on that account I have decided to do no more talking.

"It is quite uncertain whether or not I shall give out the formal statement I had promised in view of the sensational way the papers are treating the case."

Sympathy from Relations.

Mrs. Chadwick showed the correspondent a letter, which she said contained an offer of a large amount of money for the statement. She said she would pay no attention to the offer and reiterated her previous remarks that she was watching the papers carefully and would give the statement, if issued, to the papers which treat her case in the fairest manner.

"To show you that my husband's family still stand by me," said Mrs. Chadwick, "I have here letters received in the morning mail from Dr. Chadwick's sister, niece and brother, Judge Chadwick of Minnesota, all of whom are very sympathetic in tone." She also showed another letter from Dr. Chadwick, aside from the one received yesterday.

The tangle of the receivers of Mrs. Chadwick's property was straightened out this morning, when Herbert W. Bell, the receiver appointed by the common pleas court, turned over to Nathan Loesser, the receiver designated by the United States district court, all the property of the Chadwick estate in his possession. Mr. Bell surrendered to Receiver Loesser all the securities which had been given to Irl Reynolds by Mrs. Chadwick, including the Carnegie notes, and the trust agreement. Receiver Loesser is now in possession of all the personal property of Mrs. Chadwick that has been found with the exception of chattels in her Euclid residence in this city. The Elyria bank has a chattel mortgage on these for $7,500. The receiver will contest this claim, but he has, however, an equity in all that remains above this amount.

The diamonds of Mrs. Chadwick have not been found.

Chadwick Note Number 4-11-44 Is Presented

The Chadwick case in Pittsburgh reached the joking stage yesterday. With the opening of the new Columbia Savings and Trust Company the joke was perpetrated. Some one sent to the new bank a note, numbered "4-11-44," according to which Andrew Carnegie and a couple of Pittsburghers, whose names have been mentioned in connection with the case, promised to pay to the order of Mrs. Chadwick $1,000,000. It is sufficient to say that the note was not discounted.

CHANTLER A DEFENDANT.

Pittsburgh Attorney Is a Party to Foreclosure Proceedings Against Mrs. Chadwick.

CLEVELAND, Dec. 15.—(Special.)—The Thomas D. Chantler, who was made co-defendant in foreclosure proceedings instituted today by the Elyria Savings Deposit bank against Mrs. Chadwick, is member of the law firm of Chantler, McGill & McClung, of Pittsburgh.

In the suit brought here today Mr. Chantler is made defendant in the foreclosure proceedings because he claims to hold a third mortgage for $20,000 on the Chadwick home here. Mr. Chantler is said to have negotiated loans for Mrs. Chadwick and whether the $20,000 represents money of his own, or of clients, is not known here.

VICTORIA'S JUBILEE GIFTS SHIPPED BY EXPRESS

ST. LOUIS, Dec. 15.—Queen Victoria's jubilee presents have been sent by express, in 29 large packing cases to New York city, where they will be placed on board a steamer for England. The shipment was secret, and every precaution against accident was taken.

Harrison Children Lose Suit.

INDIANAPOLIS, Dec. 15.—(Special.)—The fight of Russell B. Harrison and his sister, Mrs. Mary Harrison McKee, to prevent Mrs. Mary Lord Harrison, widow of the deceased president, from drawing interest on an amount in excess of the $125,000 trust fund provided for in the will, came to an end today when Judge Allen of the circuit court decided all points in favor of the widow.

OCEAN INTELLIGENCE.

Arrived, December 15.

New York—Hekla, from Copenhagen (via Baltic); Majestic, from Liverpool and Queenstown.

Dover—Graf Waldersee, from New York.

London—Philadelphia, from Boston.

Genoa—Republic, from New York.

Havre—La Touraine, from New York.

Liverpool—Cedric, from New York.

Singapore—Peleus, from Glasgow and Liverpool.

Suez—Machaon, from Seattle and Tacoma.

Sailed, December 15.

New York—La Lorraine, for Havre.

Naples—Calabria, from New York (for Leghorn).

London—Minnetonka, for New York.

Queenstown—Baltic, from Liverpool (for New York).

Passed, December 15.

Ionsirahull—Siberian, from Philadelphia, for Glasgow.

TODAY'S AMUSEMENTS.

NIXON—Viola Allen in "The Winter's Tale," 8:15 p. m.

NEW ALVIN—The Harry Davis Stock company in "Maria of the Lowlands," 2 and 8 p. m.

GRAND OPERA HOUSE—Continuous vaudeville bill of 15 acts, headed by the Japanese Guards and Crystal Herne, 1:30 to 10:45 p. m.

GAYETY—William Brunnell in "Captain Barrington," 8 p. m.

AVENUE—Anna Yeaw Fay (fourth week), 8 p. m.

ELIOT—"Tilly Olson," 8 p. m.

DUQUESNE—"Buster Brown" (return engagement), 2 and 8 p. m.

WILLIAMS' ACADEMY—Bob Manchester's Vanity Fair Burlesques, 2 and 8 p. m.

DE KUYPER'S GARDENS—Ice skating afternoon and evening. Hockey tonight, F. A. C. vs. Pittsburgh.

PITTSBURGH CARNEGIE MUSIC HALL—Thirteenth Pittsburgh Festival chorus, David Bispham, bass soloist, 8:15 p. m.

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AUGUST BELMONT SUCCEEDS HANNA

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of the workmen of the good qualities of their employers.

As far as the largest manufactories and mines are concerned, I think the great corporation engaged in a dispute with its men makes a mistake if it adopts the policy, or even considers it, of running the works with new men. First, the best workmen are not idle, and to employ the only class that can be obtained is to lay the foundation of serious future trouble. It does not pay to lose a body of excellent workmen, and sober, respectable men, nor to employ the class of workmen whose services can be obtained to fill their places.

There is another consideration of much weight. Just in proportion that the workman is earnest and efficient is his pride in his work; he feels that the tools he operates or the furnace he works are, in a sense, part of himself. He has a personal interest in them and in his job. To compel him to stand by and see an outsider, almost sure to be his inferior both as workman and as man, take his place, is to subject him to a trial he should be spared. That the support of his wife and children depends upon his labor, of which he is deprived by another, is the most excruciating thought of all. This is a trial to which no workman should be subjected.

Counsel to Patience.

Even when the employer succeeds in running the work with new men, his victory is really a defeat. He will ultimately lose more by the change than he would have lost had he patiently awaited a settlement with his old men. The fact that there are in any works thousands of men who began there in youth and are now middle-aged, all proud of the works and fond of their owners, is the best preservative of peace and successful operation. It is such works that break records.

If in case of a strike the employer promptly informed his men they need have no apprehension about their jobs, that he would not have any but his own men, knew he could not get such men as they, and therefore would wait for them until their unfortunate differences were settled, all would soon be well. I think employers should make this an invariable rule—never to employ new men in case of a strike, but to wait patiently for the old men.

In special branches, this policy is impossible, such as in street and other railways, and wherever the daily wants of the public are concerned. No doubt new men in extreme cases must be employed, but it is a sad necessity to be avoided whenever possible. In these cases public sentiment plays a potent part and hastens a settlement.

Trades Union Troubles.

We have another branch to deal with, much in evidence in New York. I am told that a contractor building a residence here employes men from no less than 38 different trades unions. In recent years one or more of these have been constantly at war. Seldom are the 38 all enjoying industrial peace. Saddest of all sights it is often against each other, union against union, that war is waged. Union fighting union must surely give the great fiend exhilarating rapture.

I have no personal experience in this matter, but such information as I have been able to acquire from some fair-minded employers is to the effect that the fair, competent and quiet workmen do not yet give proper attention to the management of their unions, and that, consequently, these have been hitherto left to the extreme men. This is a stage which organized labor always has to meet, but it often passes that stage, and as the necessity for prudent action is realized, the moderate, open-minded and fair-men finally obtain control. In organizations like the locomotive brotherhood and other unions of railroad men, we have proof that there is evolved a safe, conservative, fair management, which renders strikes a very rare occurrence indeed. It is not the able, educated workman that favors extreme demands or violent action, but the ignorant, and just as men become intelligent, there will be greater harmony.

Use of Arbitration.

It were idle to expect that differences between buyer and seller of labor will not rise, for these characterize every kind of exchange. It is naught, saveth the buyer. It is invaluable, saveth the seller, and in one point of view the workman sells labor, and the employer buys. It is wholesome that capital should be made to pay well for labor, and to pay very high for it when profits are high, and it is inevitable that wages will fall when profits fall, so that we must not expect, neither be alarmed at, repeated demands and repeated reflections from both employers and employes from time to time. These are healthy signs.

What the Civic Federation should aim at is that strikes or lockouts should be prevented, and for these I can see no cure so effective as a trade agreement providing for arbitration, after every effort has been exhausted to settle the differences by the employer and his men themselves, as friends co-operating in a vast enterprise to whose success both both must contribute, and in the prosecution of which capital and labor are not foes, but allies.

If words not only these conferences ended between employers and employes until not one ray of hope existed, for employer and employed agreeing between themselves is the best proof of mutual respect, esteem, yea, and of regard—surest foundation of all upon which any enterprise can rest. The employer who does not estimate the cordial co-operation of employes, becomes their hearts are with him, as worth a very considerable advance in wages, does not share my opinion.

Gentlemen, the most cheering feature in the relations of capital and labor is that there seems a law at work which rejects the extreme men of both employers and employes, and slowly evolves the reign of the fair-minded element, which continually makes for happiness and peace. The mission of our federation is to bring these together in friendly conference, and prove to them there are always two sides to all disputes, and also many kindred virtues and an earnest desire for harmony upon both sides; that there are fair employers as there are fair workmen, and that it is a bad day for both capital and labor when they fail to settle themselves peacefully any dispute that arises between them.

Archbishop John Ireland was the next speaker. He said among other things:

Two things needed most for the solution of our problems are intelligence and sympathy for one another. I believe supreme—by in intelligence in this, that the humblest laborer of today is a man of intelligence. It is largely because our people are educated that they see the difficulties under which, in the past, labor has often suffered, but the same intelligence will lead them to seek remedies for the conditions under which they suffer. This is the lesson of America—that a man is a man and the manhood in him demands respect.

Mr. Belmont, who followed the archbishop, said in part:

Good faith and honest dealing are the basic principles upon which trade agreements may rest to be enduring, and such contracts must be equally binding upon employer and employed. I am glad to testify to the efficacy and efficiency of face to face conferences with honorable employers, and announce it a practical method of reaching a common understanding upon points in controversy, from which harmonious agreements are possible.

John Mitchell, president of the United Mine Workers of America, spoke briefly on the labor situation.

"I believe it is better to talk for a week than to strike for a year," he said.

A letter from President Roosevelt was read. In part, it is as follows:

Though I cannot take part in the conference, or be present at the dinner in connection therewith, I am sure you understand I am in hearty accord and sympathy with the purposes of the National Civic Federation in its effort for the establishment of "more rightful relations between employers and employes." Views on economic and sociological problems often differ. There can be, however, no division of opinion that the highest aim of all should be toward establishing on an ever-closer basis of mutual respect and friendship the relations between employers and workmen.

The men associated in the National Civic Federation have already done much in the direction of settling labor difficulties on a basis of conciliation and just dealing. Among those most prominent in this work and largely and intimately associated with all your work, was the late Senator Marcus A. Hanna, a man of extraordinary force of character and great mental strength, who devoted much of his time and efforts to the material improvement of the wage earners, not only without injury to employers, but to their marked benefit, as well as to the benefit of the people generally. When he attended the last meeting of your body, his condition was such that a less consideration of the interests of others would have prompted him to have stayed away, in the interests of his own life and health. But when he saw what he deemed a high duty he never paid any heed to his own physical welfare.

You are about to elect a president to fill the vacancy caused by his death, and I am sure your wise judgment will enable you to choose some man able to carry on in his spirit and with his power the great work of your association.

Politics Call Laurier Home.

PASADENA, CAL., Dec. 15.—Sir Wilfrid Laurier, the Canadian premier, in cutting short his visit to California by reason of a summons to Ottawa on political business. The premier, with his party, will leave tomorrow for the Grand Canyon, and after a day's visit there will depart for the east.

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HONORS PAID TO HEROIC SOLDIER

Though Wounded Himself, He Refused to Abandon His Wounded Comrades.

GUARDED THEM FOR 44 DAYS

(Associated Press Cable to The Gazette.)

MUKDEN, Dec. 15.—An army order has been issued, calling attention to the exceptional heroism, self-sacrifice and devotion of two comrades, wounded infantrymen, Hairzamatoff and Ischenko, who with a dozen other wounded men, lay for 44 days in abandoned trenches between the Russian and Japanese lines, suffering from bitter cold and lack of food.

Hairzamatoff, who was only slightly wounded, assisted the others into trenches, took coats from the dead to cover them, wound their wounds and dug a well. Japanese came and took away the coats, and filled in the well. Hairzamatoff again got coats, reopened the well and secured a little dry bread and rice from dead Russians and Japanese.

The men also were compelled to eat raw millet. Japanese made several visits to the trenches, but paid no attention to the wounded, and rendered them no assistance. The Russians feigned death, fearing to fall into the hands of the Japanese. The sufferers frequently attempted to crawl back to the Russian lines, but were compelled by weakness and the pain of their wounds, as well as by the steady firing, to abandon the attempt.

Finally, when only three men were left alive, three Japanese came, one of them accidentally stepping on the leg of a soldier named Matvei, who groaned aloud from pain. Finding him alive, the Japanese dragged him away from his comrades, who were too weak to help him despite his despairing entreaties. One of the Japanese suspiciously kicked Ischenko in the side, but left him for dead.

Hairzamatoff and Ischenko finally resolved to make a last desperate effort the next night to creep back to the Russian lines, which were 400 paces distant. After dragging themselves slowly and painfully part of the distance they were observed by a Russian sentry, and were met with volleys from Russian rifles, forcing them to lie still in the millet until the firing ceased, when they finally succeeded in reaching the lines, where they were cared for and sent to the hospital train.

The army order paints the sublime heroism of Hairzamatoff, who, being but slightly wounded, could have joined the Russian troops sooner, but preferred to remain with his comrades. "His regiment," the order says, "should be proud to have such a man in its ranks."

PRISONER IDENTIFIED AS MADAME DE VERE

CLEVELAND, Dec. 15.—(Special.)—Mrs. Flora Kissinger, formerly matron of the Ohio penitentiary, and Mrs. L. M. Kissinger, who was employed at the penitentiary by the matron, both of Columbus, were permitted to visit the jail today for the purpose of identifying Mrs. Chadwick as a former acquaintance. Subsequently the Mesdames. Kissinger announced that Mrs. Chadwick and Madame De Vere were the same person.

GLASSCOCK TO HAVE REVENUE COLLECTORSHIP

WASHINGTON, Dec. 15.—(Special.)—W. E. Glasscock, United States District Attorney G. W. Atkinson and W. B. Showalter of West Virginia, were here today to confer with Senators Scott and Elkins regarding the vacant internal revenue collectorship in that state. It is understood that Mr. Glasscock is to have the place, but that he will not be appointed until after March 7.

Banker Ford Is Found Guilty.

WARREN, O., Dec. 15.—(Special.)—The jury in the case of E. N. Ford, charged with embezzlement, returned a verdict of guilty this morning. The defendant filed a notice for a new trial. Hundreds of people lost their savings in the failure of the bank with which Ford was connected.

Christmas Display Caused Fire.

Fire caused a loss of about $500 to the store and fixtures of J. J. Regensburger in Fifth avenue, McKeesport, yesterday, as the result of a Christmas window display lighting. Mechanical devices were being operated in the window, and the trimmings caught from a small engine.

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THE SEVASTOPOL REPORTED SINKING

The Entire Crew of Japanese Torpedo Fleet Volunteered to Destroy Her.

MAY HAVE LOST ONE VESSEL

(By Associated Press to The Gazette.)

TOKYO, Dec. 15.—The partially successful torpedo attack on the Sevastopol was made in the face of almost insurmountable obstacles, and writes another inspiring story of the splendid bravery of a number of officers. The entire crew of the torpedo boat destroyers and torpedo boats volunteered for the attack, courting death in their efforts to destroy the only floating Russian battleship at Port Arthur.

Facing a driving snowstorm and heavy seas the flotillas separated and, under individual commanders, attacked independently. The decks of the destroyers and torpedo boats were coated with ice, and the men suffered acutely from cold.

The Russians resorted to the most extreme precautions to protect the Sevastopol. They dropped torpedo nets, which shielded the boys of the warship. The Sevastopol was further protected by a specially constructed wooden boom, the frame work of which was composed of iron bound logs, cables and heavy chains, interlaced and entangled. From the surface of this boom hung a deep curtain made of torpedo nets taken from the sunken battleships, the purpose of which was to catch and destroy the torpedos and their mechanism.

The Japanese probably refrained from attempting to cut or jump the boom, a plan demonstrated by the British, but the torpedo boats and destroyers evidently forced the openings, which the Russians had left so as to allow communication with the harbor.

In the thick of the snow one torpedo boat became lost from its comrade ships and has not yet made its appearance.

The commander of the third Japanese squadron, reporting yesterday morning, says:

"Commencing at 11:30 o'clock Tuesday night and continuing until 3 o'clock Wednesday morning, six torpedo boats and specially fitted torpedo craft constantly attempted attacks against the Russian battleship Sevastopol, the coast defense vessel Otvashni and the military transports. According to reports received from the watchtower at 9 o'clock this morning the Sevastopol had commenced lowering astern, and the water was said to reach the torpedo tubes astern."

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COL. "BILL" GREENE WILL BEARD THOMAS LAWSON

Copper King Arrives in Bean City to Tell Broker-Author He Is a Liar and a Fakir.

(By Private Wire to The Gazette.)

BOSTON, Dec. 15.—Col. "Bill" Greene has come to town and tomorrow, if he keeps his promise, he will call on Thomas W. Lawson, and tell him to his face that he is "a liar, a fakir and a charlatan."

The colonel, calm, and carrying no arms that were visible, got here at 8 o'clock and went immediately to the Hotel Touraine. At 8:05 he dispatched a messenger to Mr. Lawson's office at Young's hotel, notifying him of his arrival and requesting an interview. Half an hour later a reply reached the colonel from one of Lawson's clerks—"He is not here. We do not know where he is."

"Very well," said the colonel, "I'll see him tomorrow."

Lawson refused to answer his telephone after the colonel's arrival, and at 11 o'clock no one in his Back Bay home could be induced to answer the doorbell.

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PRINCIPALS WILL HOLD ELECTION

One of Their Number to Be Chosen on Commission to Classify Teachers.

THE FRIENDSHIP SITE SALE.

There will be a meeting of the principals of the city schools at the central board of education Monday evening. They have been called together by President D. L. Gillespie for the purpose of electing one of their number a member of the salary commission that will classify the grade of teachers as provided for in the new wage schedule. The other members of the commission are the city superintendent, director of the high school and the heads of the normal and academic departments of the high school.

The central board committee appointed to sell the Friendship avenue high school site held a meeting last night. Chairman Henry McEwan stated that the committee had advertised the property for sale in all the daily papers a year ago and had not received a bid. Mr. McGarey suggested that the property be placed with a real estate dealer. Mr. McEwan said this would necessitate paying a commission if a sale was made, and Mr. McGarey agreed with him, but could see no other method. Mr. Minsinger moved that five real estate dealers be asked to submit propositions for the property, the bids to be sealed and the time to close on December 31. This motion was adopted. The committee selected the Real Estate Trust Company, Arthur Wessell, C. C. Hamilton, O. C. Zeliner and James F. Ross as the dealers to be asked for propositions, with the understanding that any proposition from any other agent or principal would be considered.

The Friendship site cost the board $115,000. It first bought a site in South Negley avenue for $42,500 and then purchased the Friendship site, giving $72,500 in cash and the South Negley avenue property for it.

FIGHTING MEN FALL FROM ROOF OF BUILDING

After Reaching the Pavement the Battle Was Resumed and Arrests Followed.

Getting into a quarrel on the roof of a two-story house in Branch street, Allegheny, yesterday afternoon, Frank Schwietzer of Millvale, and J. M. Taggart, of 7709 Thorn street, Pittsburgh, engaged in a rough-and-tumble battle that did not end even after they had fallen to the pavement below.

The men are carpenters and were doing some repairing on the roof of the house when the disagreement started that led to the fight. Taggart declares Schwietzer went after him with a hatchet, and to defend himself Taggart wielded a big piece of scantling. These were soon dropped, however, and the men went into it in the old-fashioned way. Over and over they rolled until both dropped off the edge. A scaffold at the windowsill on the second floor broke their fall for a moment, but it collapsed under the shock and clattered down to the pavement with the belligerents.

Both men were stunned by the drop, but after regaining their wind they started to fight again. The notice of the firemen at No. 11 engine company was attracted, and they separated the men. Policeman Milton Brown arrived and sent the warriors to Central station. They are charged with disorderly conduct.

WANT BACK ON THE ROLLS.

Veterans of Ram Fleet and Marine Brigade Desire to Be Placed on Pension List.

Those veterans of the civil war who served in the Ram fleet and Marine brigade on the Mississippi river are making efforts to have their names restored to the pension lists, from which they were stricken by Secretary Hoke Smith during Cleveland's second administration. On Monday of this week Congressman James W. Brown introduced a bill extending the provisions of the act of 1890 to the men of the Ram fleet and Marine brigade.

In 1862 the Ram fleet and Marine brigade was organized at Pittsburgh and Cincinnati and was sent down the river to join the naval fleet. It saw its first action before Memphis on June 6, 1862, when seven out of eight of the Confederate vessels were destroyed and the river was opened from Cairo to Vicksburg. The organization remained in the service until 1865 and was highly commended for the work which it accomplished. For a time its members were recognized by the pension department, but Secretary Smith decided that they had never been mustered into the service and consequently were not within the scope of the pension bill. The survivors now want to come in under the new pension act of 1890. There are a very few of the old fleet left.

NEW BANK OPENS.

Columbia Savings and Trust Company Starts Its Business in a Bower of Flowers.

The Columbia Savings and Trust Company, which occupies the old Columbia National bank quarters at Fourth avenue and Smithfield street, opened its doors to the public yesterday for its first day's business. A large number of accounts were opened.

The officers of the bank, chief of whom is the president, ex-Mayor William J. Diehl, were on hand all day, meeting their friends and patrons. The rooms were handsomely decorated with trailing vines, potted plants, ferns and flags.

The officers of the bank are: President, Mr. Diehl; secretary and treasurer, Edward W. Rolfe; assistant treasurer, J. M. Velow; directors, W. J. Diehl, Henry Fitzpatrick, Dr. Frank J. Phillips, Theodore F. Davis, T. S. White, A. J. McQuitty, Allen R. McConnell, Chris Heer and James Bredin.

ELOPING COUPLE IN TROUBLE.

Cleveland Runaways Seek Shelter in the Police Station While Homeless.

Reuben Fawcett, 18, of 31 Euston street, Cleveland, son of a shoe-store proprietor, and Elizabeth Smith, 20, of 134 Holton avenue, Cleveland, were before Magistrate Negley in the East Liberty police station yesterday morning as suspicious characters.

They stated that they had eloped a week ago, pooling their wealth and coming here, where Fawcett sought employment without success. Wednesday they were asked to vacate their lodgings and walked the streets until late at night, when they applied at the police station for shelter. Magistrate Negley lectured them for eloping and for not having a marriage ceremony performed before living as man and wife. They were then discharged.

A telegram was sent to the parents of the young people, money was sent here and the couple returned to Cleveland last night.

Thieves Active in Wilkinsburg.

Thieves entered several business houses in Wilkinsburg Wednesday night, but secured little booty. The office of the Chicago, St. Louis & Cincinnati Beef Company was broken into and the cash register smashed, but little was taken. The store of Collingwood & Co., 851 Wood street, was searched; the drug store of S. H. Jackson, 852 Wood street, was entered, and the store of Samuel McCutcheon, 329 Wood street, was visited.

INDICTMENTS IN THE GRAFT CASES

Ten Returned by Grand Jury, Six Against Police Captain Wilson of Allegheny.

CLARA LIVINGSTON INDICTED

Ten indictments were returned yesterday by the grand jury in the Allegheny graft cases against three individuals, Police Capt. James Wilson, Clara Livingston and Charles Castor.

Six of the indictments are against Wilson, three are against the Livingston woman and one is against Castor. Castor is a photographer and it is charged that he made an improper picture of one Belle Creese. The Livingston indictments are for keeping a disorderly house, for selling liquor illegally and for harboring Clara Wilson, a minor, in the Livingston house.

Of the true bills found against Wilson one is for extortion, charging him with obtaining money from Nellie Snyder, the keeper of a disorderly house; another is for misdemeanor as a public officer, it being charged that he accepted $100 from "Sue" Williams, another proprietress of a disorderly house, while it is asserted that in both cases the money was paid to secure immunity from police interference. The other four indictments charge that Wilson aided and abetted the two women in maintaining disorderly houses and in selling liquor illegally.

That the indictments against Wilson will be actually tried during the present term of court is, of course, not known, but it is almost certain that the cases will be reached some time in January. It is the custom of the criminal court to dispose of the jail calendar first, for the benefit of prisoners who have not been able to secure bail or whose offenses preclude release on bail. The December term of court opened on December 5, and the jail cases will not be finished until the end of the month.

"The commonwealth is ready to try these cases as soon as they are reached," said ex-Assistant District Attorney John C. Haymaker, who, with Attorney John Marron, is handling the graft investigation for the district attorney.

TOOK JURY 48 HOURS TO DECIDE DIEBOLD CASE

A Verdict of Voluntary Manslaughter Against a Father Who Killed His Young Son.

After being out for 48 hours, the jury in the case of Franz Diebold, charged with murdering his 11-year-old son at Heidelberg on August 30, returned with a verdict of guilty of voluntary manslaughter.

The jury retired at 1:40 Tuesday afternoon and returned at 1:40 yesterday afternoon. The defense set up a plea of insanity, claiming Diebold has been in that condition for some years.

HEARD HIS DEATH WARRANT.

Reno Dardaia Notified That He Must Hang Next Month.

Sheriff Dickson yesterday read the death warrant to Reno Dardaia, who is to be hanged January 19 for the murder of Thomas Sinklar on December 16, 1903. Dardaia told the sheriff after hearing his doom that he could not understand why he had to die, as he had done nothing. He said he was not Dardaia, but Rocco Murdacco, and that he stabbed Sinklar in self-defense. Sheriff Dickson told the Italian he must prepare for his end and that he would not be permitted to talk on the gallows.

Dardaia killed Sinklar in a quarrel over a dollar. The men fought the day before the murder. Dardaia waited for Sinklar with a knife made from a file and stabbed him to the heart.

Dardaia blamed his trouble on his wife and asked the sheriff to have her arrested. The woman was several miles from the scene of the murder and the officers cannot see in what manner she was connected with the affair.

Signs to Prevent Accidents.

Signs were yesterday placed at the Pennsylvania railroad station at Wilmerding, directing people to the trains. During the last four months four people have been killed at the main crossing, strangers not knowing where to find the entrance to the subway crossing and using the railroad instead. The subway, which has been dangerous on account of the icy condition of the steps, is to have a cover built over both entrances.

"Buster Brown" to Stay.

"Buster Brown" with his new company will make his farewell appearance in Pittsburgh next week. The large advance sale and the tremendous business done this week made it necessary to cancel next week's time so that "Buster" might remain at the Duquesne theater for a longer time. Master Gabriel has made many friends during his present stay at the Duquesne and the new members of the cast have scored individual hits.

PIANOS FOR CHRISTMAS.

The Beautiful Display of Fine Instruments at the Salesrooms of

the S. Hamilton Company

WILL BE OPEN THIS EVENING.

The Christmas rush is on. And piano purchasers who have not been able to get into the store during the day or who fear the crowds of regular business hours, may come to Hamilton's any evening until 10 o'clock and be sure of every advantage in the way of splendid stock, variety of design and courteous attention on the part of our sales force.

The very latest designs of Mason & Hamlin upright pianos include two small size models in cases of extreme simplicity but very artistic design. They are already very popular in Pittsburgh, and have caused much comment because of their superb tone quality. Prices are $500 to $525. The miniature Mason & Hamlin grand is a gem, and represents the very highest attainments in the piano builders' art. The case is of dignified design, in richest mahogany. The price is $800.

In the A. B. Chase pianos, in addition to the regular style of both uprights and grands, are shown some very beautiful art case uprights and baby grands in white mahogany, white enamel and carved designs. One of the particular attractions of the Christmas showing at Hamilton's is the magnificent combination of A. B. Chase grand piano and the latest model Angelus piano player, both in white mahogany, the Christmas purchase of a wealthy Pittsburgher. See our show windows.

The little Fischer Grand at $650 continues to attract the attention of purchasers desiring a grand piano, but having small apartments. Both the size and price of this piano are small, but the tone quality and durability as well as case work are of highest quality.

Uprights in Fischer, Hamil-Tone, Schumann, Smith & Barnes, Kurtzmann, Becker Bros., Jacob Doll, Conservatory, Willard and others are shown in great variety.

Used upright pianos at $87.50 and up, including Pease, Hallet & Davis, Fischer, Chickering, Steinway, Decker Bros. and others, are shown in our exchange room. Some new uprights as low as $7.50 a month. The Angelus piano player at $275 and $300 continues to be the favorite instrument with music lovers in Pittsburgh.

Mira Music Boxes, Talking Machines, Mandolins, Guitars and small instruments of all kinds are shown in great profusion and at the lowest prices ever made on similar qualities.

Send for the "Christmas News," which gives full details and prices of some special Christmas offers we are making in pianos and musical goods. Write to the

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No two ways about it, there's a fascination in shopping after dark at Christmas times, and people who could just as well go to the store in daylight, put the matter off purposely, purely for the sake of the enjoyment there is in it.

Now, for people who live distant from the shopping district, we are going to make it pleasant for them by serving a

Table D'Hote Supper for 50 Cents.

In any first-class restaurant the reckoning for such a supper as we shall lay on the table would be $1.00 or $1.25. We want everyone to have plenty of time in selecting gift things after dark, and suggest they come and partake of this appetizing supper and use the time gained in touring the store. The menu will be published tomorrow.

Our 50c Turkey Dinners with such fixin's as always go with turkey are delighting a thousand or more people every day. Most men and women accept turkey with a few extra thanks thrown in, and that's why our turkey dinners are famous.

What Shall I Give? The Question of the Moment.

What shall I give her? What shall I give him? What shall I give the children? Such are the questions heard on every side. It would really pleasantly surprise you to see how quickly a visit to our China and Bric-a-Brac Department would solve this seemingly insolvable question.

This may seem to be rather a broad assertion, but as a matter of fact it is not strange that we should be able to supply gifts for everybody when you take into consideration that the collection of Artware on the Third Floor, East Store, is representative of every country in the world, and expressive of the ideas of beauty characteristic of the various peoples of the world, from the least civilized to the most highly cultured.

Space forbids us to enumerate the thousands of articles which we would like to mention, but it will be a pleasure for us to show them to you. By way of suggestion—

Jardinieres and Pedestals, $5.00 to $40.00.
Umbrella Stands, $1.75 to $25.00.
Glass Candelabra with prisms, 75c to $7.50.
Bouillon Cups and Saucers, $6.00 to $112.00 the dozen.
Chocolate Cups and Saucers, $3.00 to $25.00 the dozen.
Cake Plates, 50c to $5.00.
Punch Bowls, $8.50 to $100.00.
Beer Steins, 20c to $20.00.
Hand-Painted Plaques, $6.00 to $25.00.
Electroliers, $8.00 to $225.00.
Flower Vases, 50c to $50.00.
Rich Cut Glass pieces from $1.75 to $80.00.
Bohemian Glass pieces from $3.00 to $67.50.
Royal Italian Ware from $1.50 to $45.00.
Scotch Inscription Ware, 50c to $3.75.

About Those $2.50 Waist Patterns for $1.25.

"The finest waist pattern $1.25 ever bought." Such is the opinion of the women who snapped up the second shipment which came in early Wednesday morning and was exhausted before 1 P. M. Quick selling we call that, but no quicker than that accorded the first lot, which went on sale Monday morning, and every one gone by noon.

We telegraphed our order for a fresh supply, which came in late last night and will be out for sale early this morning.

We can't say how long they will last, however, but they're here at $1.25 so long as they do last—of fancy weave or plain white material, with a strip of embroidered material for front and cuffs. Put up in a box ready for presentation.

French Lingerie for Gifts.

The average women is so great an admirer of French Lingerie, with its exquisite daintiness and practicability, that she would be sure to find a gift of such most acceptable.

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Drawers	$2.25	
Gown	$4.00	3-piece set for $10.00
Chemise	$3.00	
Drawers	$3.00	
Gown	$5.00	3-piece set for $11.75
Chemise	$3.00	
Drawers	$3.75	
Gown	$5.25	3-piece set for $12.50
Chemise	$3.50	
Drawers	$3.75	
Gown	$6.75	3-piece set for $17.00
Chemise	$4.50	
Drawers	$5.75	

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At $1.75 from $2.25. Waists of albatross, in plain colors. White, light blue, green, gray, black. Full tucked front, tucked back, shirt sleeves.

At $2.50 from $3.00. Waists of wool batiste, in red, light blue, white, brown—pleated front and back—new sleeves with three wide pleats to elbow.

At $2.00 from $3.00. Waists of brilliantine, in white and black, full-tucked front and tucked back.

Men's Bathrobes and Lounging Gowns.

A Lounging Gown is a splendid present to give a man, because it is one of those things which the average man puts off buying for himself from time to time. Couldn't buy him anything productive of more comfort.

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Blanket Robes, large, comfortable and well made, $6.00 to $10.00.

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Fisk's Walking Gloves, $2.00 pair.
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Buck Gloves, fur lined, $4.50 pair.
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Women's Squirrel-lined Deerskin Gloves, $4.50 pair.
Women's unlined Kid Gloves, $1.00 to $3.50 pair.
Women's Suede Gloves, $1.00 to $2.25 pair.
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Friday, December 16, 1904.

Decision in the famous bloom case is of material interest to Pittsburgh, though it is not probable similar conditions will make it of future value. The importation of steel blooms is a thing of the past. Pittsburgh is an exporter of rails and able to manufacture its own blooms. In the early '80s, however, this was a live subject as may be judged by the aggregate amount to be refunded under the decision, since that amount represents only a portion of the total duties.

A mandate from the United States circuit court of appeals, reversing the circuit court for this district, reopens the "Smoky Island" case. The local United States circuit court decided against the lease of the property to the Pittsburgh & Western railroad. The court of appeals mandate nullifies this decision, though it is not made clear whether it finds absolutely for the right of lease, or imposes new proceedings. The case may be appealed to the supreme court, in the one event, for final settlement.

While the Pennsylvania system's rail order for next year—102,000 tons—is little more than half of its order for last year, its prospective consumption is much larger. The order for 200,000 tons was given in anticipation of much construction work and the rails were not used. It is assumed the unused remnant of that order is to be added to the present booking for next year's needs. It is expected the New York Central will soon place orders for 100,000 tons, a material increase. Together these items indicate a resumption of railroad activity that betokens the returning full tide of business expansion.

Ten indictments have been returned by the grand jury in the Allegheny graft cases and the attorneys for the prosecution aver they are ready to proceed to trial. It is customary for the criminal court to first take up the jail calendar. This will delay the graft cases until that calendar is cleared. They will be urged after that and the whole community will follow them with intense interest. The good citizens of Allegheny are most deeply concerned because they are anxious to have their city freed from the corruption that has lowered its moral tone and encouraged a large disorderly element to infest it. They are hopeful the district attorney's office is on the right track to break up the system.

Secretary of War Taft announces that Chief Engineer Wallace's investigations on the Panama canal have convinced him that the original canal commission's estimate of cost was at least $26,000,000 too high. Mr. Wallace is of the opinion that he can complete the waterway on the 60-foot level at a saving of that much, or that he can put it through on the 30-foot level, or possibly at sea level for the commission estimate for the 60-foot lift. As a matter of fact Mr. Wallace's engineering discoveries along the route are of tremendous value, and demonstrate the inexpertness of the French engineers. He proposes to do away with the Bahia dam, an expensive and difficult feature of the original plans, and to change the route in important particulars.

A protest has been filed by the seamen on the vessels harbored at the United States naval station in Cuba while yards are being constructed. The men claim that since last May they have been obliged to work on roads, piers and fences in addition to their regular duties on shipboard. They think that the government ought to engage ordinary laborers to fit out navy yards, for our naval force was not enlisted for the purpose. A person who enters the navy as well as the soldier expects to be called on for all kinds of work, but in time of peace there ought to be a limit on the sort that might be done better by ordinary laborers. This is especially true in the tropics, where manual labor is difficult and natives are best fitted to undertake it. While the duties of the soldiers in Manchuria are no doubt varied, both armies employ thousands of coolies to relieve the men who carry muskets.

When the police force of New York city proposed to sell 50,000 tickets to a theatrical benefit performance, attention was called to the undesirability of allowing the guardians of the peace to sell anything for their own benefit and the commissioner immediately vetoed the measure. Very properly he took the ground that a police officer could not well offer a ticket without the implication that the purchaser ought to buy it to insure his protection. Even if no threat was hinted, such a construction might be put upon the sale of tickets. The same principle applies to the canvasses by firemen for benefit entertainments, and even by letter carriers. Patronage for such money-making enterprises can be secured by the solicitation of outsiders in which the men benefited do not appear at all. Almost all these organizations maintain relief associations which deserve support, but the citizen willing to subscribe does not like to be approached by the man who is paid to serve him. To forbid the practice of soliciting by the men to be benefited need not diminish in the least the amount of the subscription which might be fully as generous if conducted more impersonally.

A Square Deal Only.

Paul Morton, secretary of the navy, has submitted to an interview in which he discusses the interstate commerce recommendation of President Roosevelt in a sensible and fair way. Mr. Morton came from the service of a railroad to the cabinet and must be granted the possession of special knowledge affecting this subject. In his view it is no less advantageous to the railroads to have the reasonableness of rates determined and discriminations prohibited than it is to ordinary shippers. He declares that railroad managers should co-operate heartily in securing the regulation proposed by the president.

Strong color is lent to this assertion by the known fact that executive orders on the Pennsylvania system, under the present management, have tended toward the precise reforms sought by President Roosevelt. Discriminations inevitably inflict loss upon the carrier, though they may bring illegitimate profits to official managers. Unreasonable rates injuriously affect traffic. Private car lines not infrequently entail long empty hauls in the direction of largest freight movement and the payment of wheel tolls in addition. All of these things are detrimental to the best interests of the common carriers.

As Secretary Morton has said, it may please some of the frenzied financiers of Wall street to make a hue and cry that the president of the United States has made an attack upon business interests, but there is no sound basis for the charge. The president has no desire to attack any legitimate business interest. On the contrary, he aims to give to every man a square deal. His recommendation is in the line of protecting the ordinary railroad stockholder and the ordinary shipper against a species of sharp practice that benefits a very few. The powers which he would vest in public authority exist in every other civilized country and are acceptable without question. The idea that corporations should be independent of state control in fixing their charges is a novelty, and that it should have been allowed to exist in actual practice is an abuse requiring correction.

The Civic Federation.

While the election of August Belmont as president of the Civic Federation is somewhat in the nature of a surprise, there is no reason to doubt a continuance of the beneficent influence of the organization. Under the presidency of Marcus A. Hanna the federation attained to high rank and wielded tremendous power for the preservation of industrial peace. It is constituted rightly, avoiding the extremes represented on the one side by certain labor unions and on the other by D. M. Parry's Citizens' Industrial alliance.

The object of the Civic Federation in dealing with the problem of capital and labor is to harmonize them. This was well reflected in the address of yesterday from Andrew Canegie, which exhibited a clear conception of a principal cause of strikes and disputes. It is a fact that on the farm, in domestic service and in the small shop bitter conflicts are few. No doubt Mr. Carnegie's explanation is accurate. Personal acquaintance and human sympathy are large factors in the equation.

Just now the tendency is all toward large operations in the industrial field. The employe is necessarily farther than ever removed from the actual employer. It thus becomes necessary to apply new rules and measures. Heads of departments must truly represent the employing interest and be given larger latitude to deal with their men on a human basis. Meantime, the Civic Federation is acting as an educator of both employer and employed to bring them into closer touch and better understanding.

The Stop-Over Privilege.

There is ample reason for the plea of the Merchants and Manufacturers' association that the railroads shall extend the stop-over privilege to this city. That favor is accorded every other large city in the country and it is probably a mere oversight that it has not already been given to Pittsburgh. It will cost the railroads nothing to permit their through passengers to stop off here and visit the industrial or educational institutions whose fame has spread about the world, while that privilege will be of value to the city.

It is hardly necessary to enlarge on the fact that Pittsburgh is the largest of freight producers in order to convince the railroads that it is entitled to the courtesies extended to other places. The railroads are better aware of this truth than anyone else. In short, it is probably not necessary to make any argument beyond the mere request to have it granted. A change in ticket stipulations will do the whole business.

What Toronto Gets.

A former Pittsburgher, now living in Toronto, sends The Gazette a copy of a local newspaper containing a summary of the city treasurer's report, with a portion marked which he thinks may be interesting to Pittsburghers. That portion certainly deals with an interesting subject, for it treats of street railway receipts. It appears that the city's share of the revenue of the street railway company amounted to $235,447 in 1902 and $278,920 in 1903. Returns for the present year are, of course, incomplete, but the city treasurer estimates that they will amount to $327,000. Not so bad for a city smaller than Pittsburgh.

Although the Toronto Street Railway Company is a distinct corporation, yet since its business is based upon a public utility it is rightly regarded as being in the nature of a public agency whose operations are subject to public supervision and control. The city treasurer's report, therefore, contains a summary of the business done by the company. From this it appears that the stockholders of the company have as much reason to be satisfied as the city, since during the year they have received four quarterly dividends of 1¼ per cent and the stock has a market value of 5 per cent above par. It is said in Toronto that the road was really built from the proceeds of the bond issues and that the stock actually represents not investment, but franchise value, but it is remarkably small when compared with Pittsburgh street railway capitalization. It is evident that there has been no inside ring in Toronto street railway management, retiring old stockholders upon a preferred dividend and creating fresh stock issues on the basis of prospective profits, until layer after layer of different classes of securities are piled up upon the property and franchises. The company has been run for the benefit of the original stockholders and not mainly for the purpose of growing financial melons to be periodically cut up for the enjoyment of the inside ring, while those on the outside get the rinds.

The question will naturally arise, why can not Pittsburgh do likewise? There is no reason at all except the lack of a city government to represent the public interest. The government of Toronto is organized in a way which makes councilmanic holdups absolutely impossible. The mayor is a member of the city council and presides at its meetings, so that there can be no excuse for failure to present for determination any measures demanded by public opinion. Moreover, the people elect a board of controllers who also form a part of the council, representing the community as a whole, and this board has power to bring before the council any measure it sees fit. All reports of council committees are made to this board of control, which corresponds to the board of estimates and control in New York city. The board must submit the committee reports to the city council with its recommendations thereon. There is no way in which ward representatives can hold up the public business until they are seen and squared. The only effective way for them to influence public action is by diligent attention to the public business. The existence of such conditions has developed a type of ward representatives able to meet them with credit. To be a ward representative in the Toronto city council confers no opportunity of grafting, but it does confer opportunity for distinguished public service, which leads to civic honor, so that influences are set in operation which produce such satisfactory business results as appear in this report of the city treasurer. In framing the government of Greater Pittsburgh, it would be advisable to consider the Toronto system, which is not peculiar to that city, but is of the general type of municipal charters in countries which have obtained the greatest democratic development, such as Canada, Switzerland, Australia and New Zealand.

Criminal Negligence.

A bridge fell at Charleston, W. Va., yesterday, carrying several persons to death and many more to serious injury. As usual in such cases, it is learned the structure was considered unsafe months ago, and the parade on Labor day was prohibited from passing over it. Under the circumstances some one is morally, if not legally, responsible for the deaths caused by the collapse of the bridge. Some one ought to be legally responsible.

It is not a difficult matter in the present state of engineering science to determine the safety of a bridge that has been long in use. It ought to be the duty of some one, at the first suggestion of danger, to have such structures examined. It ought, also, to be the duty of some one, when danger actually exists, to close the bridge to the public. Moreover, the neglect of these duties should be specifically penalized in order to encourage prompt performance. Had there been such a system the accident with its terrible consequences would not have occurred. The same reasoning applies to the Iroquois theater fire and the General Slocum steamboat disaster, which were fatal on a larger scale. In those cases there were persons assigned the duty of inspection, but the vagueness of the possible penalties for neglect encouraged indifference.

Mr. Chamberlain's New Ideas.

Joseph Chamberlain, greeted by groans outside the hall and by cheers within, gave utterance to some very sensible suggestions of policy in a London speech yesterday. Mr. Chamberlain is the English champion of the protective system, and he pointed out clearly some of its advantages. His remarks in another direction, however, are likely to excite more interest, as possessing more novelty than the topic he brought forward most prominently by his resignation from the cabinet last year.

In the matter of immigration Mr. Chamberlain strongly advocated restriction. While declaring his sympathy with all who are constrained to flee from unjust oppression, he asserted that, nevertheless, England cannot afford to receive with open arms all who come to her shores to escape unjust oppression, or just prosecution—a sentiment that applies with equal force to the United States. In addition to restriction of immigration, Mr. Chamberlain advocated organized encouragement for emigration of the deserving poor to some of the thinly populated English colonies. This suggestion fits in logically with the others. Many parts of the British empire are in need of the people who are crowding together, half starved in London. There is fertile soil awaiting their coming, ready to produce sustenance for them and for others whom they leave in the great metropolis. The only problem is to transfer the surplus population from the city where it is not needed or wanted, to the broad acres where it can make itself useful, and it is a proper function of government to provide the means.

Despite the far eastern war there has been a heavy decrease in our exports of breadstuffs. Yet there was a boom in wheat on the war prospect.

If Rojestvensky expected reinforcements at Port Arthur he will be disappointed. There are no fishing fleets there, either.

Pleading the statute of limitations has begun in the Venango county graft cases. Looks like a warm trail.

Lawson appears to be overdoing the free advice business. The public had not asked for a dose every day.

Of course Pittsburgh had to get into the Chadwick case. These are penalties attached to greatness.

There isn't any good reason why the privilege of stopping over in Pittsburgh should not be granted.

It is proposed to make all of the bridges free of tolls, probably because taxes are more easily collected.

Talked of in Gotham

By FRANK A. PARKER.

[By Private Wire to The Gazette.]

NEW YORK, Dec. 15.—With an added pride in their own police force in Pittsburgh, Assistant Superintendent Kennedy and Inspectors Gray and Bailey will return home tomorrow after inspecting the forces of Philadelphia, Baltimore, Washington, Boston and New York. They have gained some valuable ideas on the workings of the police, but these they are carefully keeping under their hats to tell in a special report that will be made to Director Moore on their arrival in Pittsburgh. Messrs. Kennedy and Bailey have spent the past two days in Boston, while Gray remained in New York, but they all left the city this evening on the Pittsburgh special over the Pennsylvania railroad.

"We have gained a lot of information on our trip," said Gray this afternoon, "and will have several things to tell the superintendent. But we have also discovered that, man for man, we have as good a force as there is to be found anywhere. New Yorkers take great pride in their 'Broadway squad,' and well they may, for it is a fine body of men. Still, you must remember that these men are the pick of 7,000. In Pittsburgh we have a force of only about 500 men, and we are not always able to pick out as many fine lookers for the prominent stations as they can here. And yet we would not be greatly hurt by a comparison. In Herald square, for instance, there are four men, where we would gain nearly the same results with one.

"I was particularly taken with the traffic squad," the inspector continued, "but we could not use mounted police in the downtown section of Pittsburgh as they are used here. Our streets are too narrow and the traffic too congested to make room for mounted policemen. But the scheme seems to work well in New York."

The Pittsburghers found in most of the cities they visited, and particularly in New York, a greater show of dignity on the part of the higher officials of the police departments, but they are inclined to believe that they gain as good results in Pittsburgh without the dignity.

Vindication of American Pie.

When anyone tells you that pie is an unhealthful diet, tell them about Mrs. Ann Jacobus, who today celebrated her 100th birthday anniversary on fricasse chicken with pie for dessert. She neither smokes nor drinks whisky, as most very old people do, but she has her pie regularly. "Grandma" Jacobus is hale and hearty and apparently has many more years in front of her in which to enjoy her pie. Her relatives and friends made today a happy event for the centenarian, and there was no protest when she called for a second helping of pie. Nor does she hail from the famous "pie belt" of New England, where they have such pastry for breakfast; she is a native of New Jersey.

And Still More Snow.

With 10,000 men still busy trying to clear the streets of the snow of several days ago, the skies are overcast with clouds that seem to presage another downfall of the beautiful. The weather man says it will be upon us before morning, and then the work of cleaning the streets will have to begin all over again. There is one thing that few people think of, but the charity organizations tell us that snow is a good thing for the very poor of the city. It is no easy matter to find 10,000 men who are willing to shovel snow for $2 a day, and this leaves the work for the very poor who thus are able to build fires for a few days at least for their families in the tenements to keep warm. Such a storm as we have had this week will furnish work for a week or more, and should another fall of snow come it will be like manna from heaven to some of the very poor people in the lower East Side.

Christmas in Evidence Everywhere.

Many things take on a tinge of Christmas these days. Even such a prosaic thing as a fire which occurred in Dey street early this morning will have its influence on the day we all celebrate. The building is occupied by the Metropolitan Express Company, and was filled with Christmas packages. The firemen were too busy with the present to think of future presents, and the result is a lot of water soaked gifts will arrive at their destination in a few days. The damage to the company's property was very slight, about $1,000 will cover it, but there is no telling how many tears will fall from baby eyes when those damaged Christmas presents are delivered.

Christmas Comes Early on Street Car.

When early today, a Columbus avenue uptown car stopped at Seventy-ninth street it was boarded by about 20 young people who had just come from a church bazaar and carried dolls, sofa pillows, vases and other articles they had just purchased. They were a merry lot and much of their fun was directed toward a young woman whose possessions included a box of cigars. When the conductor had collected fares from the party she opened the box and handed him a bunch of perfectos. The motorman's eyes fell longingly upon the cigars and the young woman told him to help himself, which he did bountifully, stopping the car while he stowed away the treasure. Just then an inspector of the line boarded the car and angrily demanded the cause of delay. Conductor and motorman divided their spoil with their superior and the car sped on its way north.

Savings Banks Increased Dividends.

Following the example of two of their number announced yesterday, three more of the largest savings banks of Greater New York, it was announced, will pay a 4 per cent dividend the first of the year on deposits for the last six months, an advance of one-half of 1 per cent. This means that the five banks involved will give as a Christmas present to their depositors nearly $750,000.

The $750,000 increase will be distributed among 500,000 savers, mostly of the poor working class. The banks which have raised their rate from 3½ to 4 per cent are the Bank for Savings, Bowery East River, Emigrant Industrial and Greenwich. The amount of money on deposit in the latter banks January 1, 1904, was $200,367,785.63, and the increased interest upon this sum of money for six months ending January 1, 1905, will be $724,941.96. Three other savings institutions have been paying a 4 per cent dividend all along. They are the Broadway, Irving and Seaman's savings banks.

Pittsburghers in New York.

The following Pittsburghers are registered at the New York hotels today:

Waldorf-Astoria.
W. L. Clause,
E. W. Pargny,
J. A. Davis,
J. B. Carter,
R. S. Suydam,
J. B. L. Hornberger.

Holland.
F. B. Smith,
C. L. Miller,
H. C. Siebl,
R. F. Blair,
D. C. Ross,
D. G. Clemsen,
W. B. Schiller,
P. A. Lange,
J. C. Langan,
F. A. B. Ammon.

Hotel Astor.
H. H. Jennewin,
H. W. Taylor,
C. M. Logue.

Imperial.
W. W. Cunningham,
C. P. Tiers,
A. U. Spencer,
F. Zette,
C. H. Struble.

Herald Square.
A. Flower,
J. F. Burke,
J. M. Watson,
F. W. Burke.

Park Avenue.
M. H. Wilson,
J. Bailey,
Miss Frazer.

Rossmore.
H. L. Irwin.

Astor House.
C. F. Wells,
J. H. Martin.

Union Square.
M. Bass,
H. Lohse.

St. Denis.
F. G. Bryce,
Mrs. Bryce.

Earlington.
S. Williams,
Mrs. Williams.

Navarre.
T. Bingham,
Mrs. Bingham.

York.
H. B. Rose.

Manhattan.
J. H. Reed.

Martha Washington.
E. Torrens.

Metropolitan.
L. Bellons.

Wolcott.
A. M. Oppenheim.

Ashland.
T. H. Spelgelmore.

Broadway Central.
J. N. Coleman.

Continental.
E. E. Keely.

Fifth Avenue.
C. W. Searight,
H. Ferguson.

Tariff Revision Postponed.

However desirable a businesslike review and adjustment of tariff schedules may be, the president's definite announcement that he will not call an extra session during the next spring is probably the wisest step that could be taken under existing circumstances. In the face of the powerful opposition which has been displayed by some of the leaders in congress and has been indicated by others, an attempt to force the issues unduly would almost certainly result in a seriously disturbing agitation. The matter is of great importance to justify the precipitation of an energetic political contest of which the result would inevitably be an undesirable distrubance of trade and trade conditions.—New York Sun.

The Quiet Observer.

By ERASMUS WILSON.

One of the popular questions for discussion in the old-fashioned literary society was: "Resolved, That there is more pleasure in pursuit than in possession."

Did you ever expatiate on one side of this all important question when you were a member of a "literary"?

If you are not old enough to know about old-fashioned institutions and things you may ask your father, or uncle, or neighbor, and you can rest assured that all of these have not forgotten the "literary" with its debates, essays, orations and declamations.

The questions discussed ranged from "Which is the more useful to man, the horse or the cow?" to capital punishment, and from "Which is the more destructive, fire or water?" to the propriety of suspending the habeas corpus in certain cases.

The women and girls, or ladies, as they were officially designated, were usually limited to writing essays, saying pieces and dialogues, and singing.

And these entertainments were good, too, and mighty helpful. The debaters made special effort to post themselves and every fellow pitched in with a determination to win.

Nor were members and performers the only ones interested, for on open nights the halls would be filled to overflowing. In the country districts all meetings were open, but in towns there was usually one open meeting each month.

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The "literary" seems to have gone out of fashion, or to be out of date, for we seldom hear of it now. They still have something of the sort in connection with colleges and academies, but not in the country school, at least not as generally as in former times.

Not a few of our better statesmen and more successful business men obtained much of their education in the "literary" and many got the start there that led them to fame, distinction and success.

And thus it was a fine place for boys and girls to get acquainted and many a happy courtship and successful marriage was started in the old-fashioned "literary." Nor were these acquaintanceships confined to members of one particular "literary," for there was a good deal of visiting between these societies, with frequent contests between those located several miles apart.

Preparations for performances required no little study and research, all of which was practical education for the performers as well as beneficial to their auditors.

What have we in our modern educational schemes that will take the place of the "literary"?

There doesn't appear to be anything, and the lack of it is quite noticeable in the lives and manners of our young people.

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Did you ever preside over a literary society, construe parliamentary rules and decide knotty points?

Well, you had to be pretty well up in Cushing's manual or you would be reversed now and again on an appeal from your decisions, which was not regarded as being creditable to a presiding officer.

Appeals from the chair were often very interesting as well as instructive, for there were always some in each society who were clever parliamentary tactitians. And when two of these would indulge in a bout their hearers were certain to be edified more or less.

In this way leading members of literary societies became proficient as presiding officers of deliberative bodies. This would naturally serve to bring them before the public and if at all ambitious they would keep stepping right along, finally arriving in the legislative halls of the state, or of the nation.

How many of the young men who leave school in the present times are capable of taking part in free-for-all discussions, much less of presiding over deliberative bodies well and gracefully, particularly over bodies in which bright, earnest men "beg leave to disagree with the last speaker on the floor"?

Not a few of our more successful parliamentarians got their first experience in that line in literary societies that met in country school houses.

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As a school of oratory the literary society stood without a peer, for sharp discussion not only stimulates thought, but gives to the debaters greater courage and a freer flow of words.

And the fear of adverse criticism tended to make one careful as to dictation, grammar and gesture.

At first a boy might not be able to say half a dozen words, but a word of encouragement from the critic added to the thrusts of a boy on the other side would so nerve him that the next time he could say a dozen words, and so on until he could fill in the allotted time.

And it usually happened that those who suffered most from stage fright at first turned out to be more fluent and effective speakers than those who had the gall to get up and whack away from the first.

Knowing the difficulties with which he would have to contend the easily frightened boy would prepare for the ordeal by fixing certain points in his mind so well that they would not be scared out. This the natural talker would not do because he felt that he didn't have to.

Demosthenes was not the only great orator whose path to fame led through rough and thorny ways. In fact comparatively few orators and clever speakers had cleverness thrust upon them, but achieved it by earnest study and careful practice.

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The old-fashioned orator, particularly the orator of the spread eagle type, has about ceased to exist, or rather his occupation has gone, leaving him without a calling. In his day, however, he was a power in the land.

Was it ever your privilege to hear Tom Corwin? He was a master on the stump and his fame will not down.

Ohio was noted for great stumpers and effective political speakers. There were Joshua Giddings, Ben Wade, John A. Bingham, Lorenzo Danford, Col. Poorman and Gen. Carey, who were famous in the eastern part of the state during and immediately after the war. Gen. Charles Grosvenor is about the last of the old set of spell-binders, and he is in great demand, not only during political campaigns, but at all times, for he is one of those ready, off-hand fellows who can make a speech that is good regardless of the occasion. He was a star in country literary circles in his early days and continues to twinkle bright in congress as well as on the stump and rostrum.

We occasionally hear of reproductions of old-fashioned "literaries." These possess a certain degree of interest, but at very best they are mere imitations and are almost entirely lacking in the spirit of interest that characterized the real thing and gave to it a peculiar value.

The experiences of first nighters would be delightful, particularly of those who have won distinction as orators and debaters.

Answers to Correspondents.

George L. Brown, Somerset—In New York, Ohio, Indiana and Illinois marriages are forbidden between lineal ascendants and descendants, brothers and sisters, uncles and nieces, aunts and nephews and first cousins. In Michigan they are forbidden between a man and his stepmother, stepdaughter or daughter-in-law, step-grandmother or granddaughter-in-law. The marriage of first cousins is not forbidden. The other restrictions are the same as above.

Fanny Joyce—There are so many hospitals in New York city which train nurses you had better inquire of physicians. Much will depend on the work for which you desire training, whether you go to a maternity hospital, children's hospital, cancer hospital or one making a specialy of some other disease.

J. D. Maurice—No.

J. C. Mank, Sprankle Mill—(1) Not unless he objected to an oath. (2) The electoral returns are called for from the states in alphabetical order. (3) B has money at interest.

IT IS TO SMILE.

Mr. Snowball—Hi-yah! I see an "ad." in de Blackville Times dis mawnin': "A strong, healthy gal wants permanent job—willing to work 14 hours a day." Dat's de very gal I wants fer a wife!—Puck.

"Is that you, Santa Claus?" said Miss Verifigh, conscious, despite the darkness, that someone was in the room.

"Of course it is," replied the Saint. "Whom did you expect?"—Town Topics.

Little Elsie was on a railway journey. When her mother put her to bed in the sleeping car at night the child was requested to say her prayers, as usual.

"Oh, what's the use of bothering God about it tonight?" she demanded. "The engineer'll take care of us all right, won't he?"—New York Herald.

The Nation's Capital

By L. W. STRAYER.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 15.—At last James J. Butler of St. Louis occupies an uncontested seat in the house of representatives and he will be permitted to serve out the remaining days of this congress without any fuss upon his seat. Butler has had a checkered career as a statesman. Three times he has been elected to congress on the face of the returns and twice he has been ousted from his seat. This morning Representative Olmstead of Pennsylvania, chairman of the committee on elections No. 2, made a report in which he asked that his committee be relieved from further consideration of the contested election case of George D. Reynolds vs. James J. Butler from the Twelfth congressional district of Missouri, and action to this effect was taken by the house.

This does not mean that Butler stands vindicated nor does it mean that the committee believes him entitled to his seat. In fact, Mr. Olmstead stated that he personally doubted very much whether Butler had been legally elected. But it seems that Mr. Reynolds, who was the Republican candidate against Butler for election to the Fifty-eighth congress, was very careless in his contest. He failed to take his testimony within the time prescribed by law and even when the testimony was produced it was lacking in many respects. For instance, there was no copy of the register list placed in evidence so that it could be determined how many unregistered voters had cast their ballots at the election. Consequently there remained nothing for the committee to do but nolle pros the case, which it did by submitting the resolution asking to be discharged from further consideration of the case. This is not an acquittal and Mr. Butler is entitled to any satisfaction he may get out of it.

Tammany Completely Outdone.

The Butlers are Democratic bosses of St. Louis. They were a tremendous power until Joseph Folk began poking his nose into affairs out there and sent a number of the boodle gang into the woods from which they have not yet emerged. Edward Butler, Sr., is the head of the house and in his hey-day he was supreme in Democratic politics of St. Louis. That was the year that James J. Butler stood for election to congress on the Democratic ticket, being opposed by William M. Horton, the Republican candidate.

On the face of the returns Butler was elected by a majority of 3,553 and in December, 1901, he came to Washington and took his seat in the house. Horton instituted a contest and the case was sent to elections committee No. 1. The hearing of that case will long be remembered about the capitol. Never in the history of the American congress was such a nest of political corruption unearthed as was brought to light in that contest. The Butlers had started out to elect "Jim" to congress and they were not at all particular how it was done. Tammany, in its palmiest days, never turned a trick that was as "raw" as that turned in the Twelfth Missouri district.

And it was also evident to the committee that the illegal voting was not all done on the Democratic side, either. The evidence showed that about 5,000 illegal votes had been cast for Butler and fully 2,000 for Horton. This left no alternative but to throw out all returns and on June 28, 1902, the house passed a resolution declaring the seat vacant. It could not consistently seat Horton under the circumstances.

The Frauds Were Glaring.

In its summary the committee made the following findings:

"Fraud so permeated the conduct of the election in a large part of the district as to prevent a full, free and fair expression of the public desire in respect to the election of a representative in congress. Whatever else may appear in the case, this fact stands out plain and unvarnished: That the Democratic managers determined at all hazards and at any cost of money or of fraud to elect James J. Butler to congress. They were encouraged in this determination by the fact that the election machinery of the city of St. Louis and their police organization were so completely under the domination of their party as to justify the belief that a bold plan, courageously executed, would be followed by success.

"The Democratic scheme for carrying the election was simple, bold and impudent; so impudent, indeed, as to imply that, in the judgment of the managers, the public conscience of St. Louis was dead or paralyzed. If there was any ground for such a judgment it is evident that the job was overdone, for the frauds were so glaring and so outrageous as to arouse a conscience that had the slightest vitality. The plan can be briefly stated. Select bodies of men registered in assumed names from such street numbers as best suited their purpose. Generally from saloons, lodging houses, coal yards, transient hotels, livery stables and vacant lots. Any place was good enough if it had a number."

Butler Again Unseated.

The seat having been declared vacant, the governor of Missouri ordered a special election for November 4, 1902, to fill the unexpired term in the Fifty-seventh congress and on this same day a representative was elected to the Fifty-eighth congress. Butler was a candidate for both seats and for the unexpired term he was opposed by George C. R. Wagoner, Republican. Again the returns gave Butler the election, this time by a majority of 6,293. Wagoner contested the election and the case went to elections committee No. 2.

The testimony introduced showed that there had been no reform in election methods in the Twelfth district of Missouri. There was evidence of the same illegal voting, the same repeating and the same fraud in the count that had existed in the previous election, only to a more marked degree. After recounting the vote and carefully going into the merits of the case the committee threw out 9,239 Butler votes and 2,179 Wagoner votes, giving the latter the election by 767. The committee stated that it had no hesitation in reporting that Mr. Wagoner was fairly elected and entitled to his seat and consequently on February 26, 1903, he was seated and Butler started back to St. Louis.

However, Butler had been a candidate for the Fifty-eighth congress and in this contest he was opposed by George D. Reynolds. As usual on the face of the returns Butler was the winner, having a majority over Reynolds of 6,518. It was with no surprise, however, that the house received notice of a contest by Reynolds, and again Butler found himself occupying a seat on which another man had filed a claim. This case was sent to the committee on elections No. 2, and it was expected that Reynolds would bring forward the usual evidence of frauds. By this time the committee knew the names of the professional repeaters and boodlers of St. Louis by heart and nothing of political corruption that might have been brought forward would have shocked it.

The Finish of Mr. Butler.

But for some reason Reynolds did not comply with the law in beginning his contest within 40 days after notifying the contestee of his intentions, and in other respects he was dilatory. This is what resulted in the action of the house today. It is safe to say that nearly every member of the committee is satisfied that Butler was elected to the Fifty-eighth congress by fraud as rank as that which kept him out of his seat in the Fifty-seventh congress. No other conclusion could be arrived at in reason, because he was on the same ticket for both the unexpired term and the full term and those who voted for him for one, voted for him for the other. If Wagoner was entitled to the seat by reason of the illegal votes cast for Butler on November 4, 1902, then there is every reason for declaring that Reynolds was equally entitled to the seat in the Fifty-eighth congress. But by a technicality Butler is permitted to retain his seat. On March 4 next he will go out of office and it is not likely that the house of representatives will ever be troubled with another contest in which he figures. His career as a statesman is no doubt at an end.

The Butlers are still a power in the politics of St. Louis, although their field of operations is somewhat cramped since Joseph Folk started to clean up the city. On November 8, James Butler was not a candidate for congress and it was fully expected that his district would go Republican. The opposition of the Butlers to Folk was generally known and it was supposed that they would be willing to sacrifice their district in order to help in the defeat of Folk. But as all are aware Missouri was an unfathomable puzzle in the recent election and the most unexpected things are what really happened. Butler's district went Democratic as usual, and other congressional districts out in the state that were supposed to be safely Democratic returned Republican members.

MEETING PACKED BY THE PAYROLL

Allegheny Administration Sends Employes from All Wards into the Thirteenth.

THE POLICE STARTED FIGHTS

"Well, if I don't belong in this ward I have as much right here as you have, and if you don't think I have, come on outside the building and I'll show you."

This challenge was thrown at Chairman Frank Berner of the Thirteenth ward Allegheny Democrats last night by Policeman John Jacoby, who attended the meeting, although he is a resident of the Fourth ward.

The meeting was called to give the Democratic indorsement to a candidate for select council. The city administration had the meeting packed and several attempts were made to force the nomination of Justus Shroedel, the administration candidate. John Hock, who is running for re-election, had his workers in the meeting and for four hours pandemonium reigned and no one received the nomination.

Policeman Jacoby was but one of a squad of employes of the police bureau who attended the meeting. When told by Chairman Berner that he had no business in the meeting he made the foregoing declaration.

The fight for the Democratic nomination in the Thirteenth is bitter. Hock is a Democrat and has served in select council for six years. Shroedel is a Republican who was elected on the Citizens ticket two years ago. Because of Hock's refusal to go along with Wyman in councils the administration has taken up Shroedel's fight.

The meeting was held in the Thirteenth ward school building. City employes were there from every ward in the city. Four detectives, two police lieutenants and a squad of policemen were present, and disorder prevailed from 8 o'clock until after midnight. Fist fights were common and the one policeman there in uniform made no attempt to quell the riot. This officer, Milton Brown of the Third ward, stood at the door and placed Shroedel tickets in the hands of all who would accept them. The Gazette reporter had several handed to him, and when he remarked that he did not live in the ward, Brown replied:

"Oh, that's all right; vote anyhow. It won't make any difference."

The Hock faction succeeded at the opening of the meeting in electing Frank Berner and John F. Smith as permanent chairman and permanent secretary.

The Wyman crowd immediately set up a howl and in the confusion Allen Agnew, a Shroedel worker, mounted the platform and thanked the crowd for his election. The Wyman people forgot to name a secretary. Agnew made several speeches and tried a number of times to have the name of Shroedel brought up for nomination. Numerous attempts were made by both sides to nominate their men, but the howls from the opposition made order impossible.

When Policeman Jacoby got ugly and offered to start a fight, partisans of both sides became excited, and for 10 minutes rough-and-tumble battles were going on in all parts of the hall. Desks and benches in the school room were torn from the floor, and when the president of the school board mounted the platform and pleaded for the adjournment of the meeting for the sake of the school property, he was hauled bodily from the platform and hustled out of the building by Wyman workers.

Hock offered to have the meeting adjourned and to have the names of any and all candidates placed on the ticket at the primary election to be held on December 24, but the Shroedel adherents yelled down the proposition.

Agnew left the building about 11 o'clock, but Chairman Berner stayed until midnight, when the meeting broke up and the crowd went home.

HIGH TRIBUTE PAID TO MEMORY OF FATHER HICKEY

Great Multitude Attended the Services in Braddock and 600 Persons Followed Remains to Butler County.

Impressive funeral ceremonies were held over the remains of the late Very Rev. Father John Hickey in St. Thomas' Catholic church, Braddock, of which he had been pastor many years, yesterday morning. The services were attended by persons of all creeds. The church building was overflowing by 9 o'clock, when about 150 priests, from all parts of the local diocese, entered the church and began the chant for the dead.

Solemn requiem high mass was offered at 9:30 o'clock over the remains of the late pastor. The remains, which were robed in the vestments of the mass, reposed in the sanctuary. The officers of the mass were the Rev. Dr. A. A. Lambing of Wilkinsburg, celebrant; the Rev. Father P. F. May of Braddock, deacon; the Rev. Father David Shannan of Duquesne, sub-deacon, and the Rev. Father William Cunningham of Turtle Creek, master of ceremonies. The Right Rev. Regis J. F. Canevin, coadjutor bishop of the Pittsburgh diocese, delivered the eulogy. Bishop Canevin paid a high tribute to the services Father Hickey had rendered the church in this section.

The services were attended by Michael Hickey, a brother, of Coylesville, and Miss Mary Cody, a niece of New York, the only living relatives of the dead priest. Four members of the Braddock Ministerial association, of which Father Hickey was one of the original members, attended.

At the conclusion of the services the remains were viewed by several thousand persons, although they had been lying in state in the church since Wednesday. At noon the remains were placed on board a special train of eight coaches and accompanied by 30 priests and about 600 people were taken to Fennelton, Butler county, where they were met by farmers in sleds and accompanied to Coylesville, where they were interred. The floral pieces filled the car which bore the body. The pallbearers wre E. M. Burd, Thomas Quinn, James Sullivan, Thomas O'Keefe, ex-Burgess Louis F. Holtzman, John M. Toner, James Purcell, burgess of Braddock, and Edward McNally.

OPINION MOLDERS BANQUETED

W. F. Braun Entertains His Friends of the Newspaper Profession.

"The public opinion molders" of Pittsburgh gathered in the banquet hall at Braun's Auditorium, South Highland avenue, last evening. It was the occasion of the twenty-third annual banquet given by Mr. Braun to his newspaper friends and the gathering was a social success of the first magnitude. Every newspaper in the city was represented and from 6 o'clock until "after 30" the writers were well entertained.

There was no bill of fare. It was "padding." It opened with "36-point blue belle" and rambled along through "reporters' delight," "editors' luxury," "admiral's lunch," and a lot of things which, to be uninitiated, would be incomprehensible, but to the newspaper man was as plain as day. Story telling filled in the rest of the evening. Mr. Braun was presented with a handsome pair of diamond cuff buttons by his friends of the newspaper profession.

FORD GLASS PLANT SOLD.

Reported That James A. Chambers Is Interested in Rumored Deal.

The report comes from Toledo that James A. Chambers, formerly president of the American Window Glass Company, is interested in the purchase of the property of the Ford Plate Glass Company at Toledo, O., the chief promoter of which is Edward A. Ford, a son of the late Capt. John B. Ford.

The company said to have taken over the plant is called the McKee-Blair Company. George W. Blair and H. Sellers McKee are credited with being the men who give a name to the company. Mr. Chambers was not in the city yesterday.

The Pangs of Dyspepsia

are unknown to those who partake of a piece of DR. THOMAS' UNCOOKED WHEAT BREAD with each meal. It cures stomach and bowel trouble quickly and permanently. See R. S. Dunning, special agent, 422 Bissell block, Seventh avenue and Smithfield street.

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BRIGADE BANDS FOR THE TROOPS

Gen. Wiley Issues Orders for Consolidation of Regimental Musicians Into One Body.

READY FOR DIVISION CAMP

Regimental bands in the National Guard of Pennsylvania have been relegated. It will be brigade bands hereafter, and they ought to be good ones, too, for they are to be comprised of all of the best material in the various regimental organizations. Under the new tactics, which have recently been furnished to the troops, provision for the consolidation of the regimental bands is provided. Gen. John A. Wiley, commander of the Second brigade, has determined that the band of his brigade shall be organized at once, and the men instructed and perfected in all the necessary military music before the annual division encampment.

Gen. Wiley sent instructions during the week to Lieut. John A. Dixon, former drum major of the Second brigade band, to at once correspond with all the regimental bands of the brigade. Gen. Wiley has also authorized Lieut. Dixon to act as chief musician. He will take up the work of the consolidation of the bands after January 1, and the instruction of the musicians will be continued until the brigade goes into camp.

There are about 270 musicians in the Second brigade. Of this number 120 are field musicians and the remainder compose the five regimental bands. The last consolidation of the regimental bands was held at the first encampment at Somerset, nearly four years ago. The consolidation at that encampment gave a musical strength of 150 musicians, and the military marches, calls and sound-offs by that big band surprised soldiers and citizens with its excellence.

While it has not yet been officially announced, it is known that the annual encampment this summer will be by division, and that it will be held at Gettysburg, where the state will select a site for a permanent encampment. At the Gettysburg encampment, after the reorganization of the guard on its return from the Spanish-American war, it was learned that the state then had in view the selection of a site for a permanent division encampment.

At the last session of the legislature an appropriation of $35,000 was passed for the purchase of a permanent camp site for the division. While the act did not state where the site should be selected, it was, however, acknowledged that Gettysburg had been chosen.

The camp next year will no doubt be held as usual, during the full moon in July. By that time the consolidated band of the brigade will be ready for all the required duties of the encampment.

DEALT MYSTERIOUS BLOW.

Fireman Ross Porter, While in His Cab, Receives Injuries Which Are Hard to Explain.

Ross E. Porter, a Panhandle fireman, is at Mercy hospital suffering from an injury in the face received in a mysterious manner yesterday afternoon. Porter was sitting in the cab of his train, a westbound freight, facing the front window as the train passed through No. 2 tunnel, between Sheraden and Ingram. An eastbound freight train was running through the tunnel at the same time. Porter suddenly received a crushing blow between the eyes which almost tore the nose off, and he sank to the floor of the cab.

Engineer William Moore, seeing the fireman fall, raised the unconscious man and held him in his arms while he ran the train to the B1 tower at Ingram. Here Dr. W. C. Wallace was summoned, and after Porter's injury had been temporarily dressed he was taken to Mercy hospital. Nothing could be found to indicate what had struck the fireman. A theory is that a lump of coal falling from the eastbound train flew into the cab where Porter sat and then rolled off into the tunnel.

"HELLO, CHICAGO."

Independent Long-Distance Telephone System Will Soon Be a Formidable Rival of the Bell Company.

CLEVELAND, O., Dec. 15.—F. S. Dickson, president of the Federal Telephone Company, which controls the United States Long Distance Company, the most extensive competitor of Bell lines in the country, said today concerning the proposed entrance of anti-Bell long distance lines into Chicago:

"Chicago will be given independent telephone connection with a very large section of the country. We are now working into Pennsylvania from the west, as far as Johnstown. Within a few weeks links will be completed connecting Philadelphia and Baltimore, also through New York state as far east as Albany. On the south we are working through from Cleveland, via Columbus and Indianapolis to St. Louis."

LEAVE THE MOTHER CHURCH.

Union Conference of Hungarian Reformed Ministers Votes to Unite With the American Bodies.

The union conference of the Hungarian Reformed Ministers of the United States, which has been in session in the Hungarian Reformed church, Homestead, closed yesterday and a motion was passed severing all connection from the mother church in Hungary to become allied with the American Reformed church. The motion was in direct opposition to the wishes of Count Degenfeld, who recently visited the churches in this country, with the object of having them remain with the Hungarian church.

The ministers were threatened with the loss of their diplomas if they severed their connections with the old church. It was decided to make special efforts to educate young Hungarian men for the ministry.

WILL ASK TO THROW OUT VOTE OF FOUR PRECINCTS

DENVER, Dec. 15.—Application will be made to the court tomorrow by H. J. Hersey, attorney for the Republicans, for an order to throw out the vote of four precincts in this city in which fraud has been shown.

Inventor Frightfully Maimed.

HAMMOND, IND., Dec. 15.—As Henry Mitchell, an inventor at Reynolds, was experimenting today with a smokeless powder he intended to submit for the use of the United States army, it exploded, blowing off his hands, part of his left side and destroying his eyesight.

Fire Destroys Bulger Dwelling.

Fire completely destroyed a two-story frame house occupied by Adam Seymon and family at Bulger, near McDonald, early yesterday morning. The loss was $2,200. The building was owned by the Verner Coal Company.

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ARE ON THEIR GOOD BEHAVIOR

Controller Larkin Explains Why Guns Have Not Recently Been Turned on Administration.

HAS NOTHING TO REBUKE

Controller Larkin answered with seriousness a jocose remark made to him by one of his friends yesterday. The friend affected to believe that the silence from the controller's office concerning the administration and its departments could be credited to the fact that the administration has indorsed Larkin for re-election, and that, therefore, the controller is conveniently oblivious to faults which formerly received his animadversion.

"Can you tell me anything going on in administration or departmental circles that ought to call forth a rebuke from me?" said the controller.

The friend said he knew nothing, but he judged, from recollections of things the controller formerly said, that Mr. Larkin might be able to tell some stories of interest.

"There is nothing to say to the public," replied Mr. Larkin. "I cannot weave stories, and when the departments are going along in the way they should go I am glad to be relieved of the trouble of approving or criticizing them. There has been no change in this office; there won't be any, and those having business with it know this and are on their good behavior. When there is anything to say you will hear me say it, without color and without regard to whom it may hit or hurt."

"You used to defy the administration to proceed with the trial of some suits which are in court," the controller was reminded.

"Yes, I have a number of suits in court, two, I think, relating to bonds and appropriations, one in the superior court, the other in the lower court. They have not yet been decided. It is not in my power to expedite them, but I am ready to take anything else to court that I regard as necessary for adjudication."

The controller's friend was just about to remind him that a little "stirring up" in the old-time Larkin vein might force the administration itself to expedite the suits, if only to "get from under" his criticism, but the controller proceeded to do a little old-time stirring by again reiterating his former complaint that the administration did not want the cases to come to an issue. He thus expressed himself:

"In the meantime those offering occasion for dispute are not anxious for that sort of adjustment."

"But I don't see you inviting any more trouble with the administration," said the friend.

At this intimation that he had ever been otherwise than a most peaceable official, reluctant to fight, Mr. Larkin replied:

"You don't see me inviting trouble; you never did see me inviting trouble; the trouble was always forced on me, and I tell you now, that if the administration sends anything to this office that should not be paid or that bears the earmarks of suspicion, no indorsement it could give would make the wrong acceptable.

"Take this with you: Whether I am elected or defeated, this office has no compromise to make. Here black is always black, and white is white."

Count Tolstoy Opens Book Store.

MOSCOW, Dec. 15.—Count Tolstoy has opened book stores here and at St. Petersburg and is offering to provide village libraries with books at cheap prices.

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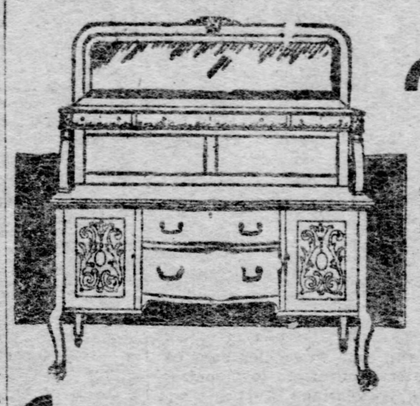

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NIXON—TONIGHT 8:15, MAT. TOMORROW VIOLA ALLEN. In THE WINTER'S TALE. Next Week—ADA REHAN.

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BRIDGE COLLAPSES; THREE LIVES LOST

Pedestrians and Teams Thrown Into the Elk River at Charleston, W. Va.

FOUR PERSONS BADLY HURT

[By Associated Press to The Gazette.]

CHARLESTON, W. VA., Dec. 15.—Three persons were killed and four others seriously injured today by the collapse of the suspension bridge across the Elk river, which connects east and west Charleston.

The dead:

MAMIE HIGGINBOTHAM, aged 11.
ANNIE HUMPHREYS, aged 17.
OLLIE GIBBS, aged 15.

The injured:

ZELLA SMITH, aged 17, compound fracture of elbow.
WILLIAM HOLMES, negro, driver, cut and bruised.
HENRY FIELDER, driver, serious internal injuries.
ELMA TUCKER, aged 13, both arms and leg broken.

On the bridge when it went down were six children on their way to school, and a number of other pedestrians, together with six teams. The noise of the crash was heard throughout the city. The bridge went down without warning, but a number of those who were near the ends of the structure managed to reach land before it collapsed. Those who went down with the wreckage fell a distance of 40 feet into the ice-covered water of the river. The steamer Baxter broke the ice to allow small boats to reach the scene and the rescue work began immediately. The injured were first assisted to the shore, and later a search was made of the river for dead bodies. The bodies of Mamie Higginbotham and Annie Humphries were taken out and the search continued until nightfall, but no others were found. A girl named Lillian Callender saved herself by hanging to a cable. Ollie Gibbs died tonight of injuries received.

The bridge was a single span 500 feet in length, and was built in 1852. It had been known to be unsafe some time, and heavy traffic was not allowed on it.

During the civil war one cable of the bridge was cut by Gen. Wise when he evacuated Charleston, the bridge at the same time being partially burned. The same cable was afterward spliced and has been in use ever since.

The accident was caused by two cables on the north side slipping from their moorings. When that side dropped another cable snapped, and the floor tilted and turned completely over.

WELL-KNOWN TURFMAN SUED.

New York Man Brings Action Against "Johnny" Payne for Thirty Thousand Dollars.

CINCINNATI, O., Dec. 15.—Isador M. Loeser of New York has sued "Johnny" Payne, the well-known turfman and bookmaker, for $30,000. In his petition Loeser claims that during the past two years one David Cohn has lost to the defendant the sum of $10,000 in betting, gaming and wagering.

The suit is brought under the sections of the revised statutes of Kentucky, practically forgotten, that a resident of the state has a right to recover within a period of five years, any money lost in gaming and if the loser does not bring an action within six months, any other person has the right to sue and recover treble the amount.

JAPANESE ARE ACTIVE.

Column Recently Driven Back by Gen. Kennenkampff Resumes Advance.

MUKDEN, Dec. 15.—The Japanese column on Gen. Oyama's right, which Gen. Rennekampff recently drove back to the Taitse river, is again reported to be moving northeast, and strongly holding the Shoodagai-Stanchan region, 5,000 men with eight guns being at Stanchan and 10,000 men with eight guns at Salmantze.

HARBIN, MANCHURIA, Dec. 15.—Gen. Kaulbars, commander of the third army, met with a hearty reception on his arrival here today. There are 22 hospitals, each with 180 beds, here. The officers' ward is under the control of the wife of Gen. Mistchenko.

WILL PROBE THE AWARDS.

National World's Fair Commission Heeds Charges of Fraud from Exhibitors.

ST. LOUIS, MO., Dec. 15.—Laurence Grahame, secretary of the national world's fair commission, said he had been notified by representatives of states and by individual exhibitors that they will not accept diplomas without the signature of President Carter of the national commission.

Charges of bribery and fraud, Mr. Grahame added, supported by affidavits, have been made by several exhibitors, and the national commission will insist on investigating them.

FORM AN ORGANIZATION.

Independent Telephone Interests Elect Officers and Executive Committee.

CHICAGO, Dec. 15.—At tonight's session of the Independent Interstate Telephone association the following officers were elected: President, Theodore Gary, Macon, Mo.; vice president, William R. Ive, Milford, O.; secretary, L. L. C. Brooke, St. Paul, Minn.; treasurer, A. B. Conklin, Aurora, Ill.

An executive committee consisting of members from Illinois, Iowa, Pennsylvania, Wisconsin, Kentucky, Missouri, Kansas, Indiana and Ohio also was chosen.

STATE'S ATTORNEY WILL PRESS THE BUTTON

ALBANY, N. Y., Dec. 15.—Unless the Eastman Kodak Company can prove that the corporations it controls were not competitors before they were allied, and that such competition was not destroyed by the alliance, Attorney General Cunneen will permit proceedings to be instituted against it under the Donnelly anti-trust law. Mr. Cunneen gave this decision today.

CONGRESSIONAL LIBRARY FOR THE INAUGURAL BALL

WASHINGTON, Dec. 15.—The house committee on District of Columbia today authorized a report on their resolution making provision for the inaugural ball, substituting the congressional library for the pension building.

Will Box at a Smoker.

The Herron Hill A. C. announces an athletic smoker next Friday night. There will be boxing bouts on the program and the wind up will be between Louden Campbell and Jack McCleland. The other bouts on the card are Joe Ashton and Jack Rowe, Mike Madden and Harry Brown, the ex-118-pound amateur champion, Skipper Pursely and Patsy Brannigan.

Children Hurt in Street Panic.

Children waiting in front of a department store at Fifth avenue and Walnut street, McKeesport, from which it was advertised candy would be distributed by Santa Claus last evening, were stampeded by the sudden appearance of the fire apparatus. Several were bruised by being knocked down and trampled in the rush.

Fire Scare on the Hill.

Fire in the livery stable of Louis Cohen on Arthur street, near Center avenue, at 1:30 this morning caused excitement among occupants of adjoining houses, but nobody was hurt. Cohen's loss will be about $1,500 on vehicles and other stocks. Eight fine horses were rescued before they were injured.

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FRIEDMAN FOUND IT EASY TO DIE

Drank Carbolic Acid and With Last Breath Paid Tribute to Poison.

CHILDREN BURNED TO DEATH

Isaac Friedman, aged 40, committed suicide yesterday afternoon by taking carbolic acid. He was despondent by reason of ill health and thought he was becoming insane. He was married and conducted a small clothing store at No. 5306 Juliet street. About 2 o'clock he complained to his wife about his shattered health.

He went to his room and changed his clothes for the purpose of going to his physician's office. After putting on his outer garments he drank about an ounce of carbolic acid. He staggered downstairs and on entering the room, said, to his family:

"I have done it now. It is an easy way to die."

Friedman fell to the floor unconscious. Dr. M. S. McKennan was summoned, but Friedman died as the former reached the house.

Two children were burned to death, the accidents being strikingly similar. John O'Mara, aged 3 years, died at St. John's General hospital. The family lives in Blast Furnace row, West Market street, Allegheny. While the child's mother was absent he fell into an open grate and was almost burned to a crisp. He lived but a couple of hours. James McAdams, aged 3, whose parents live at No. 7213 Butler street, was burned by a gas stove. He was taken to St. Francis hospital, dying soon after his arrival there.

Elizabeth Yardley, aged 50 and single, who for the past six months had made her home with the family of William Y. Cadwallader, No. 324 Mathilda street, died yesterday morning after a brief illness. It is believed death was caused by opium poisoning.

Oscar Steel, aged 25, colored, died in the Western penitentiary last night of consumption.

The morgue authorities were notified of the death of William Campbell, a machine boss at the Cliff mines. He is supposed to have been killed by a train on the Montour road.

David Baxter, an electrician, fell from a pole in Rankin yesterday morning, a distance of 40 feet and died late last night in Mercy hospital.

MR. CARNEGIE DOUBLES BEN FRANKLIN'S GIFT

He Joins in the Dead Philosopher's Century—Old Project of Boston School for Apprentices.

[By Private Wire to The Gazette.]

NEW YORK, Dec. 15.—Announcement was made tonight that Andrew Carnegie had given to the city of Boston $540,000 and had become the joint founder with Benjamin Franklin of an institution for industrial training. The new enterprise is to be managed along the lines of the Cooper Institute in this city.

Benjamin Franklin in his will left to Boston $5,000, which was to be invested for a century, at the end of which time it was to be used for the benefit of the apprentices of the city. The board of selection and ministers of three denominations were mentioned as the trustees for the expenditure of this fund.

The amount was invested in real estate soon after the death of Franklin, which took place in 1790, and it was found on the termination of the trust that the fund had increased to $270,000.

According to advices received tonight from Boston, Mr. Carnegie agreed to give twice as much as the sum to which the Franklin fund had amounted, also to guarantee the income on $270,000 for the support of the institution. It is expected the city of Boston will provide the site.

BOXING'S DEATH BLOW.

Mayor Harrison of Chicago Will Enforce Law to the Letter.

CHICAGO, Dec. 15.—The death blow to boxing in Chicago was administered today by Mayor Carter H. Harrison. To each club that has been conducting boxing contests of any kind he sent copies of an opinion by corporation counsel, which will compel even the Chicago Athletic association to discontinue its exhibitions.

The corporation counsel holds that the law prevents boxing bouts of any kind and makes it a felony for the spectators as well as the fighters.

OLD CONSTELLATION IS RECOMMISSIONED

NEW YORK, Dec. 15.—The frigate Constellation, the oldest ship in the American navy, after having been made taut and trim again, was recommissioned today at the navy yard in Brooklyn. Launched in 1797, the ship has had a memorable career and those who have examined her in her refitted condition express the opinion she is good for another 100 years. She will be used as a receiving ship at Newport.

SAN JUAN'S MAYOR HAS GONE INSANE

SAN JUAN, PORTO RICO, Dec. 15.—Manuel Egozcue, who was removed from the office of mayor of San Juan a year ago for alleged malfeasance in office, but who was acquitted on trial, and who was re-elected to the mayoralty last month, has become insane. He is a passenger on board the steamship Philadelphia, for New York, where he will be treated for his malady.

SEIZE SMUGGLED GOODS ON CRUISER SAN FRANCISCO

NEWPORT NEWS, VA., Dec. 15.—Customs officers at Old Point are reported to have seized on board the United States cruiser San Francisco a rich store of smuggled goods, including silks, cigars, china and ostrich feathers. The value of the goods seized cannot be ascertained, the officials declining to discuss the matter further than to admit that the confiscation was made.

COMMISSIONER WARE QUITS PENSION BUREAU

WASHINGTON, Dec. 15.—Commissioner of Pensions Eugene F. Ware today relinquished his official duties here and left for his home in Kansas City. Deputy Commissioner J. L. Davenport immediately assumed charge of the pension bureau as acting commissioner and will remain in that office pending the appointment of a permanent successor to Mr. Ware.

CAPT. CLADO WILL NOT BE PERMITTED TO TESTIFY

ST. PETERSBURG, Dec. 15.—The admiralty has no intention of court-martialing Capt. Clado, but practically has decided he shall not be permitted to go to Paris to testify before the international North sea commission. Admiral Kaznakoff, who will represent Russia in the commission, will be given an audience with the emperor tomorrow.

Literary Contest at W. & J.

WASHINGTON, PA., Dec. 15.—(Special.)—In the thirty-fifth annual contest at W. and J. college tonight the Franklin and Washington and the Philo and Union literary societies broke even in points. The winners were: Essay, P. R. White, Mt. Pleasant, O., Franklin and Washington; original oration, H. W. Davis, Sharon, Philo and Union; declamation, Parker Palmer, Chambersburg, Philo and Union. The other contestants were Franklin and Washington, original oration, L. H. Campbell, Pittsburgh; declamation, J. C. Matteson, Washington, Philo and Union; essay, D. C. Whitmarsh, Savannah, O.

Germans Murdered in Africa.

BERLIN, Dec. 15.—Lieut.-Gen. Von Trotha, telegraphing from Windhoek, German Southwest Africa, says 60 dead Hottentots were found on the field after the natives fight with Col. Deimling's force December 7. Thirty-six settlers have been murdered by Witbois and five settlers are missing.

PENNSYLVANIA CO. GIVES RAIL ORDER

Awards Contracts for 102,700 Tons to Four Firms for 1905.

INDICATIVE OF OPTIMISM

The Pittsburgh Gazette Bureau, Press Building, PHILADELPHIA, PA., Dec. 15.

President Cassatt of the Pennsylvania Railroad Company today awarded the 1905 steel rail contract for 102,700 tons. This order will cost the company $2,875,600.

It has been expected the steel rail order would not be as large as heretofore. The company last year ordered 200,000 tons for delivery this year. A lot of new construction was contemplated then, but about the middle of the year work all over the system was stopped, and the amount of rails used was considerably less than had been expected.

Since the steel rail pool decided to maintain the rate of $28 a ton during next year, many of the companies that have been holding off with a view of getting cheaper rails are now placing their orders. It is said the New York Central will soon award a contract for 100,000 tons.

The placing of Pennsylvania's order shows President Cassatt believes the future will be good, and that next year considerable railroad building will be done.

The orders for these rails were divided as follows: United States Steel Corporation, 55,000 tons; Lackawanna Steel Company, 7,000 tons; Cambria Steel Company, 20,000 tons, and the Pennsylvania Steel Company, 20,100 tons.

AMERICANS WORK HARD TO FURNISH WOMEN LUXURY

Young Italian Statesman Gives His Impressions of Our People in Newspaper Interview.

[Special Cable to The Gazette.]

ROME, Dec. 15.—The Marchese Capec di Bugnano, one of the most prominent younger members in the Italian parliament, who has just returned from a tour in America, resumes his impressions in an interview published in the Italie. The marchese says:

"In America the lot of man is hard work; that of woman is luxury which this hard work procures. With regard to musical art the influence of men in America is only negative. After the fatigues of the day they prefer to listen to light operettas in the evening rather than to artistic works of more serious character which demands a certain degree of mental effort."

According to the Marchese Capec di Bugnano, American women are superior to Italian women in the matter of luxury of the dinner tables, which they know how to decorate in a remarkable fashion. On the other hand, the servant question has a marked influence on American cooking.

EMPEROR'S CUP RACE.

It Will Start May 15 and Is Open to Yachts of All Nations.

KIEL, GERMANY, Dec. 15.—The Imperial Yacht club today announced the conditions for the transatlantic yacht race for Emperor William's cup. The start is to take place May 15, 1905, off Sandy Hook lightship, thence to the Lizard lighthouse. The race is open to yachts of all nations of not less than 200 tons. Thames measurement.

The yachts owned by members of the Imperial Yacht club which are eligible to enter are Emperor William's Meteor III., the Empress Iduna, Herr Ballin's Hamburg, Herr Watjon's Navahoe, and the Orion (formerly the Meteor).

TENNIS COURT IS NOW OPEN-AIR SKATING RINK

The tennis court of the Wilmerding Y. M. C. A. in Westinghouse street was yesterday flooded for a skating rink. The work was done by a committee of the members. Skating was started last evening. The rink will be flooded from time to time to keep the ice in good condition.

The Death Roll.

Mrs. Mary Pritner Barr.

Mrs. Mary Pritner Barr, widow of Judge W. W. Barr, for many years a prominent member of the Clarion county bar, died suddenly of apoplexy at the home of her son-in-law, W. A. Hetzel, 124 Homewood avenue, Homewood, at 2:30 yesterday afternoon. Mrs. Barr was a daughter of Dr. John P. Pritner, for years a prominent physician of Clarion, Pa. Mrs. Barr resided with her daughter since the death of Judge Barr, which occurred four years ago at Clarion. She was an active member of the Presbyterian church at Clarion, where she was born and lived the greater part of her life. She was connected with the Reynolds family of Clarion county. Funeral services will be conducted by the Rev. William L. Fulton, pastor of the Point Breeze Presbyterian church, at 3 p. m. today. The remains will be taken to Clarion, where services will be held previous to the interment.

William A. McIntosh.

William A. McIntosh, aged 30, died yesterday in Denver, Col., where he went from his former home in Bellevue last September. Mr. McIntosh was formerly a clerk in the general offices of the Pennsylvania company in Pittsburgh. He was a member of the Bellevue Methodist Protestant church and belonged to Bellevue conclave 407, I. O. H., and Col. K. N. Bane lodge 1,098, I. O. O. F. He is survived by his mother, Mrs. Helen McIntosh, of 77 Spring avenue, Bellevue; three sisters and four brothers. The body will be brought to Bellevue for interment.

Warren P. Pennell.

Warren P. Pennell, aged 30, is dead at his home in School street, Coraopolis, death being caused by consumption. He was born in Crawford county, and had lived in Coraopolis 15 years. He was a member of the Coraopolis United Presbyterian church. He leaves a widow and one son, Warren E. Pennell. One sister, Lena, and two brothers, Robert and Floyd, also survive. Funeral services will be held at 2 o'clock with interment in Mt. Gilead cemetery.

Richard D. Lancaster.

Richard D. Lancaster, who for more than 30 years was prominent in politics, is dead at St. Louis, the result of an operation. Mr. Lancaster was the father-in-law of Congressman James J. Butler, and a life-long friend of the late United States Senator George C. Vest. He was born in Ireland, in 1836, and came to St. Louis in 1849. He was appointed to the office of surveyor of the port in 1885 by President Cleveland.

Brig.-Gen. Whiteside.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 15.—Brig.-Gen. Samuel M. Whiteside, retired, who had command of the department of Santiago during the Spanish war, died suddenly in this city today of acute indigestion. Gen. Whiteside was born in Canada and enlisted in the United States army in 1858. He was appointed brigadier general in 1901, and retired June 9, 1902.

Joseph Parmiter.

Joseph Parmiter, aged 86, died at the home of his son, J. D. Parmiter, of Walnut street, McKeesport, early yesterday morning. He formerly lived at Malta, O. He is survived by the following sons and daughters: J. D. and M. F. Parmiter of McKeesport, Mrs. T. G. Watson, Ringgold, O., and Mrs. Joseph Cantbury of Topeka, Kas. The body will be taken to Malta for interment.

Miss Jessie Weiskerchir.

Miss Jessie Weiskircher, aged 27, daughter of Jacob Weiskircher, one of the wealthiest residents of McKeesport, died yesterday morning at the family residence 1105 Fifth avenue, that city. She is survived by her parents, two sisters and one brother.

Obituary Notes.

Norman Macnoll, former editor of the Athenaeum, died in London yesterday of heart disease. He was born in 1848.

Mrs. Louise Heisnet died at the home of her son-in-law, A. H. Hooper, in the Colonial building, Wilkinsburg. She was born in Wheeling, W. Va., and lived for years in Buffalo, N. Y., where the body was taken yesterday.

TROLLEY FIRE-CAR.

New Means of Quickly Reaching Valley Towns in Case of Blaze Is Proposed.

A trolley line fire fighting service will probably be inaugurated in the Monongahela and Turtle Creek valleys shortly. The plan is to have apparatus and hose in connection with the Rankin car barn, so that all the outlying territory, which is now without fire protection, can be reached quickly by firemen. The plan first suggested itself to John Donovan, chief of the Braddock fire department, after the disastrous fire at Duquesne Junction 10 days ago.

Chief Donovan has conferred with the firemen in all of the valley towns and he will have a measure to authorize it presented in each of the borough councils. The hose will be kept on special flat cars, with a hose reel, at the Rankin barn. The flat car can be attached to a trolley car and whirled away to the scene of the blaze. The firemen have assurance from the traction people that a satisfactory arrangement can be made with them. The service will be gratuitous.

DIED.

BARR—Suddenly, on Thursday afternoon at the residence of her daughter, Mrs. W. A. Hetzel, MARY PRITNER BARR, widow of Judge William W. Barr of Clarion, Pa. Services at 124 Homewood avenue, Friday evening at 8 o'clock. Interment Saturday afternoon at Clarion, Pa.

BRINEY—On Thursday, December 15, 1904, at 10:55 p. m., at the family home, 803 Cedar avenue, Allegheny, SARAH, beloved wife of Reuben Briney, aged 73 years, 6 months and 13 days.

Notice of funeral later.

[Kittanning (Pa.) papers please copy.]

DAUGHERTY—On Wednesday, December 14, 1904, at midnight, MARY, daughter of the late Charles Daugherty.

Funeral from the family home, No. 1517 Monterey street, Allegheny, Saturday morning at 8:30 o'clock. Requiem high mass at St. Peter's church at 9 a. m. Friends of the family are respectfully invited to attend.

GETTY—On Wednesday, December 14, 1904, at 6 o'clock a. m., MARY, relict of James Getty, aged 72 years.

Funeral from the family residence, 24 Lomond street, on Friday morning at 8:30 o'clock. Services at the Church of the Epiphany at 9 o'clock a. m. Friends of the family are invited to attend.

McINTOSH—At Denver, Colorado, on December 15, 1904, at 7 a. m., WILLIAM A. McINTOSH, of Bellevue.

Notice of funeral later.

SMITH—On Thursday, December 15, 1904, at 6:06 p. m., at her residence, 20 Perths street, Mt. Washington, HANNAH J., widow of C. B. M. Smith.

Notice of funeral later.

SOMMERVILLE—On Tuesday, December 13, 1904, at 4:30 p. m., FRANK M., son of J. W. Sommerville of Leetsdale, Pa., aged 11 months 15 days.

Funeral services at parents' residence on Friday afternoon, at 1:30 o'clock. Friends of the family are respectfully invited to attend.

STORER—At Atlantic City, N. J., on Wednesday, December 14, 1904, at 10:30 a. m., IDA E., wife of James G. Storer.

Funeral services will be held at the residence of her husband, 665 North avenue, Wilkinsburg, on Saturday, December 17, at 10:30 a. m. Interment at Homewood cemetery.

WEITZEL—On Tuesday, December 13, 1904, at 4:10 p. m., JOHN W., youngest son of Andrew and Margaret Weitzel (nee Dillon), aged 9 years 2 months 25 days.

Funeral from parents' residence, No 32 Hubbard street, Allegheny, Friday morning, December 16, at 8:30 o'clock. Services at St. Francis Xavier's church, California avenue, Allegheny, at 9 a. m.

(Butler papers please copy.)

WINKELMAN—On Thursday, December 15, 1904, at 1 p. m., JAMES JOHN WINKELMAN, beloved child of William and Ida Louise Winkelman (nee Noll) aged 14 months, at the parents' residence, 4024 Perrysville avenue, Allegheny.

Notice of funeral later.

WOOD—At Wayne, Pa., on Thursday, December 15, 1904, ADELAIDE M. COLTART SCOTT, wife of William Wood.

Relatives and friends are invited to attend the funeral services on Saturday, at 12:30 o'clock at her late residence, Wayne Pa. Interment private.

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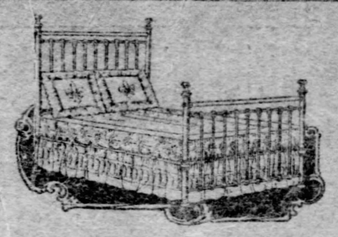

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White Spreads, $1.00 to $4.50.
Blankets, $2.50 to $6.50.
Table Linens, 35c to $1.25.
Linen Sets, $3.00 to $10.00.
Napkins, $1.00 to $3.50.
Dresser Scarfs, 35c to $1.00.
Lace Curtains, $1.00 to $10.00.

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VON PLEHVE'S ACTS JUSTIFIED DEATH

Murderer Made Speech Defending Act and Telling His Party's Mission.

DESCRIBED HIS OWN CAREER

[Associated Press Cable to The Gazette.]

ST. PETERSBURG, Dec. 15.—A high personage who attended the trial of Sasonoff, the assassin of Minister of the Interior Von Plehve, states that the prisoner made a speech in which he strove to justify his act. Sasoneff spoke calmly and eloquently, explaining the aims and objects of the Socialist Revolutionary party. The reason for Von Plehve's murder, the prisoner said, were his own biography.

The Socialist Revolutionary party, Sasoneff said, is entirely different from the party of the "National Will," which slew Emperor Alexander II. The latter party, he said, was engaged in a desperate duel with the autocracy, in which to annihilate was the sole aim and object. The Socialist Revolutionary party is a peaceful propaganda to show the evils of autocracy and gradually inculcate the principles of socialism among all classes of the nation.

This peaceful and idealistic mission encountered the ruthless opposition of certain ministers such as Bogeliepoff, minister of public instruction, who was shot January 27, 1901, and died March 18 of the same year and Sipiaguine, minister of the interior, assassinated April 15, 1902, and notably Von Plehve, who made a business of hunting down apostles of socialism. The party was compelled to defend itself, and this gave rise to a fighting organization whose members are pledged to exterminate persecutors.

Sasoneff recited a list of acts for which Von Plehve was condemned, including the persecution of Finns, the slaughter of workmen at Zlatoust, the murder of Jews at Kishineff and the spoliation of Armenians, besides his treatment of socialists. When the committee of the fighting organization decided on Von Plehve's death there were over 100 volunteers to execute the sentence. Sasoneff was selected and was told he would have an accomplice, but he did not know the name of this accomplice until he saw Sikorifsky after the murder. Sasoneff declared that it was with horror and loathing that he undertook to deprive a human being of life, but that he realized that "the monster Von Plehve could only be met with the monster death."

Sasoneff said he came of a family belonging to the old faith, which had enriched itself in the lumber trade at Orenburg and Ufa. He was sent to the university of Moscow, where for an act which he had not committed he was condemned to a grievous penalty. He then returned to his home in Ufa and joined the Ural committee of the Socialist Revolutionary party. He was again arrested on the charge of spreading the doctrine of socialism and condemned to five years exile in Siberia. Later he escaped from a Siberian convict gang and crossed the frontier, ultimately reaching Geneva from whence he came to St. Petersburg to kill Von Plehve.

CROWN SHEET BLEW OUT, INJURING FOUR MEN

Railroaders Were Scalded and Burned, but Were Able to Go to Their Homes.

The crown sheet of a locomotive boiler on the Junction railroad blew out yesterday and five men were burned by the hot air and steam that came from the boiler.

J. J. M'GROGAN, engineer, 604 South avenue, Wilkinsburg.

EDWARD MASTERSON, fireman, 20 Foster street.

J. J. DICKSON, brakeman, 135 Home street.

CHARLES BANNON, brakeman, 14 Foster street.

The accident happened at 5:30 p. m. in the Junction railroad yards, nearly a quarter of a mile above Penn avenue. The engine was of the Baldwin type, No. 1175. While it was transferring freight cars there was a report and the crown sheet blew out and the extension head of the boiler was blown far out.

The engineer was in the cab, the fireman was in the tender and the brakemen were on the tender or the footboard of the locomotive. The steam and hot air were blown directly back through the cab, blowing out the cab windows and scattering a lot of coal off the tender. The fireman was hurt more than the others, for he got more of the burning blast. The engineer, although also badly scalded, jumped out of the cab window. The brakemen were partly protected by the cab and got off with less injury. Dr. F. G. Cameron dressed their wounds and they were taken to their homes.

HICCOUGHS THREATEN LIFE OF A CHILD

May Mortz of Glassport, aged 7, is in a serious condition as the result of an attack of hiccoughs which has steadily increased during the past three days. Despite the efforts of physicians she is gradually growing weaker.

Set Trap for Brass Thieves.

Steve Heingartner, an employe of the National tube works at McKeesport, and Benjamin Schiff, a junk dealer of the same place, were held for court yesterday by Alderman L. N. Morgan on a charge of larceny and receiving stolen goods. The company has been missing brass fittings. Some marked brass was placed where it was believed the thief would find it, and yesterday morning Heingartner was seen taking it. He is said to have implicated Schiff, who is alleged to have been buying the brass.

French Arbitrator Coming.

PARIS, Dec. 15.—Count Peretta de Larreca, the French member of the commission to arbitrate the French claims against Venezuela arising prior to 1899, is about to sail for the United States. The commission will meet late in January, probably at Northfield, Vt., the home of Frank Plumley, judge of the court of claims for Vermont, and the third arbitrator chosen to serve on the commission.

Oppose Statehood Bill.

The quarterly meeting of the Allegheny County Equal Rights association was held yesterday afternoon in the parlor of the Young Woman's Christian association. An address on "Equal Rights" was delivered by John Z. White. By unanimous vote the clause in the statehood bill admitting New Mexico, Arizona and Indian territory, which restricts the suffrage privileges to the male sex, was condemned.

Young Men to Aid Strangers.

A union meeting of the young men of the Methodist Episcopal churches in Pittsburgh and Allegheny will be held in Christ Methodist Episcopal church, Center avenue and Rebecca street, Shadyside at 8 p. m. today. The men propose to form an association for the purpose of helping young men who come to the city as strangers.

Discussed New York Senatorship.

NEW YORK, Dec. 15.—Gov. Odell and many of his lieutenants held a conference today at the Republican club to discuss the senatorship and other matters of importance to the Republican organization. At the conference both Senator Depew and former Gov. Black, the two candidates for the senatorship, were represented.

Railroad Held Responsible for Wreck.

GRAND RAPIDS, MICH., Dec. 15.—In a verdict rendered today by a coroner's jury, called to place the responsibility for the Pere Marquette wreck of November 16, at Elmdale, in which five persons were killed, the Pere Marquette Railroad company was held responsible.

FATALLY SCALDED IN WARSHIP'S HOLD

Three Boilermakers Lose Their Lives on the Battleship Massachusetts.

LIEUT. COLE PROVED A HERO

[By Associated Press to The Gazette.]

PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 15.—Caught in a trap, and helpless to save themselves, three men lost their lives, and four others, including Lieut. William C. Cole, were terribly scalded today by a rush of steam and boiling water in the fire room of the battleship Massachusetts, lying at the League Island navy yard. The dead are:

EDWARD BUD, married, boiler marker, civilian.

ANDREW HAMILTON, married, boiler maker, civilian.

CHARLES RITZEL, boiler maker's helper, civilian.

The injured:

LIEUT. WILLIAM C. COLE, United States navy, assistant chief engineer of the Massachusetts, scalded about the head and body.

WILLIAM ANDERSON, ship's boiler maker, badly scalded.

JAMES WILSON, boiler maker's helper, civilian; scalded.

JOSEPH A. DURN, boiler maker's helper, civilian; scalded.

With the exception of Lieut. Cole, all the killed and injured lived in Philadelphia. Lieut. Cole received his injuries in a heroic effort to rescue the others.

The Massachusetts has been at the navy yard undergoing repairs, particularly to her boilers and machinery. The boiler on which the accident occurred had recently been cleaned and thoroughly tested, and the boiler makers were at work on another boiler. Without warning, the gasket between the boiler plate and the boiler head gave way and a terrific rush of steam and hot water followed. The doors of the fire room were closed and the only way of escape was by a safety ladder. Only Bramlet, a ship fireman, thought of the ladder and he escaped without a scar.

Those on the upper decks did not know what had happened until the steam came rushing up from the seething pit. The work of rescue was prompt, and to this promptness those who escaped death owe their gratitude. The first to enter the firehole was Lieut. Cole. Without shrinking at being scalded he quickly dragged the men in the pit to the door where they were taken in charge by others. Bud and Hamilton were dead when found and Ritzel died a few minutes after being taken on deck.

FAVOR NEW CLUB HOUSE.

Pittsburgh Graduates of University of Michigan to Help Build Quarters at Ann Arbor.

The annual meeting of the Pittsburgh alumni of the University of Michigan was held last evening at the Henry. Election of officers resulted in Richard Hardy being made president; Dr. R. W. Clark, vice president, and Fleming Nevin, secretary-treasurer.

A resolution was adopted indorsing the move of the Michigan union, which has for its purpose the erection of a club house for the use of graduates and undergraduates. The club house is to cost about $100,000, of which amount the Pittsburgh alumni expects to raise $10,000. It will be built on the university grounds at Ann Arbor.

It was also decided to make arrangements for the annual banquet, which will be held some day in February. Among the speakers to be invited are James Angell, president of the university; Justice William R. Day of the supreme court, and Stewart E. White, the novelist.

SCIENTISTS WILL DISCUSS NEW LIGHT ON ATOMIC THEORY

The coming convention of the American Association for the Advancement of Science, of which 110 residents of Allegheny county are members, will be held in Philadelphia December 27 to January 2. The atomic theory of the constitution of matter will come up for discussion, with particular interest aroused by the recent attacks upon the old theory. A number of important electrical subjects will also be considered.

MILLIONAIRE EMPLOYER TO DEFEND HIS MEN

SAN BERNARDINO, CAL., Dec. 15.—Arthur Swindell and Sidney Jarvis, charged with the murder of Wells-Fargo Messenger Roberts, were arraigned today on a murder charge. F. J. Mackey, their millionaire employer, will assist in the defense of the men, whom he believes innocent.

Consumers' League Meeting.

There was a final meeting of the old board of the Western Pennsylvania Consumers' league at the Twentieth Century club yesterday morning to complete the business of the past year before the new board goes into service in January. Reports were read by the chairmen of the various committees, including those on visiting, factory inspecting, store and office committees. Preparations were made for the annual meeting to be held in January, and plans were made for the coming year's work. Miss Eliza J. Armstrong, the president of the league, presided, and after the reading of the various reports, discussed the work generally and dwelt particularly on the duties of the league members as Christmas shoppers. A canvass revealed the fact that most of those present had completed their Christmas shopping many days ago and were assisting in enforcing the league rules at the local stores, especially that one requiring early deliveries. The next meeting of the league will be the annual one, which will be held early in January.

Bellevue Firemen's Election.

The following officers were elected by the Columbia Hose, Hook and Ladder Company of Bellevue at their annual election last night: President, George G. Bast; vice president, A. E. Hummel; treasurer, John D. Quail; secretary, R. B. Robison; assistant secretary, George Lothamer; captain, F. L. McCormick; first lieutenant, James Greenough, Jr.; second lieutenant, J. L. Wilson; laddermen, William Jones and Harry E. Dauber; hose directors, F. W. Dauber, J. H. Besser, T. S. Kicker, J. R. Paden, R. H. Barclay, J. C. Mitchell; trustee, Chief Charles W. Fisher; librarian, F. L. McCormick; assistant librarian, J. R. Paden.

Street Changes in Avalon.

Avalon council last night passed six ordinances extending River avenue and vacating parts of Third, Florence and Taylor streets, all of which are in the Riverview terrace plan. An ordinance to provide a building inspector and building rules passed its first reading. The appointment of a street commissioner vice N. Marx, dismissed, was deferred until the next meeting.

Allegheny Councilman Resigns.

Allegheny common council last night accepted the resignation of Charles A. Speer of the Second ward. In his letter to council Speer said that business kept him out of the city much of the time, and for this reason he did not feel justified in holding his seat.

Driver Fatally Injured in Collision.

Mike Kastanowiz of 2356 Forbes street was probably fatally injured yesterday afternoon in a collision between an express wagon he was driving and a Second Avenue car at Second avenue and Brady street.

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MR. ROOSEVELT AT PRAYER MEETING

Preaches Homely Discourse on Brotherhood to His Fellow Church Members.

PANACEA FOR ALL TROUBLES

[By Associated Press to The Gazette.]

WASHINGTON, Dec. 15.—President Roosevelt attended the prayer meeting at the Grace Reformed church, of which he is a member, tonight, and at the close of the service made a short address to the large congregation and held an informal reception, shaking hands with all the members of the church and Sunday school present.

Sometime ago the president expressed to the pastor, the Rev. J. M. Shick, his desire to meet his fellow members of the church. Tonight was set for the occasion, the pastor sending out invitations to all the members. As a result the edifice was filled to overflowing.

The president arrived during the service, unattended save by his colored valet. At the conclusion of the prayer service the pastor introduced the president, who spoke as follows:

Dr. Schick and my friends and neighbors, and fellow members of this church:

I first asked for this privilege, and the doctor kindly arranged it should take place. When I was still governor, after I had been elected vice president, the doctor wrote this was the only Reformed church in Washington, and he thought he could claim me as a parishioner. It has meant a great deal to me to be able to come down here Sunday after Sunday to be with you, especially for the sense of brotherhood.

I think any man who takes an interest in this great country of ours must realize the same all-important necessity of our social, industrial and political life is the necessity of the realization of what brotherhood means. We cannot develop our civilization at all unless we develop it on the basis of each recognizing his fellow man, his brother whose interest he must have at heart. No scheme of legislation, no kind of administration of the government will atone or can attone for the lack of the fundamental quality of each being in very deed his brother's keeper.

I do not mean to talk about every seventh day, but to feel it in the intervening six days; to feel it on the part of the employer with his employes, on the part of the employes with the employer. Three-fourths, probably nine-tenths of the labor troubles that sometimes assume so ominous a form, would vanish if you could interest the people on each side to approach the matter in the spirit of each striving to care for his fellows as he cares for himself.

I do not mean for a moment for a man to neglect his own interests. I want a man to take care of himself, for if he does not, somebody else will have to take care of him. I want him to remember that, in addition to taking care of himself, he has got to try to do his duty by others. If he will approach his fellow men in the spirit which makes the use of the word 'brother' a genuine term instead of a term of hypocrisy, the difficulty of dealing with the great questions that arise will be minimized if not entirely done away with.

I hope to see the steady growth of Christian spirit in this country, not merely among our congregations, among the members in their dealings with one another, but among the members of our congregations in their dealings with all mankind, with the men and women round about them. In no way can we so spread the power and influence of our church, in no way can we so effectively bear testimony to it, in no way can we so help in its growth, as by showing that we have been, according to our abilities, doers of the word, not hearers only.

Christmas Excursion Rates Pittsburgh & Lake Erie R. R.

On December 24, 25, 26 and 31, and January 1 and 2, agents will sell round trip tickets to all points at rate of one fare and one-third. Holiday rate from Pittsburgh to Cleveland, $5.35; Chicago, $14; Detroit, $11.10; Erie, $5.90; Buffalo, $9.20; Youngstown, $2.75.

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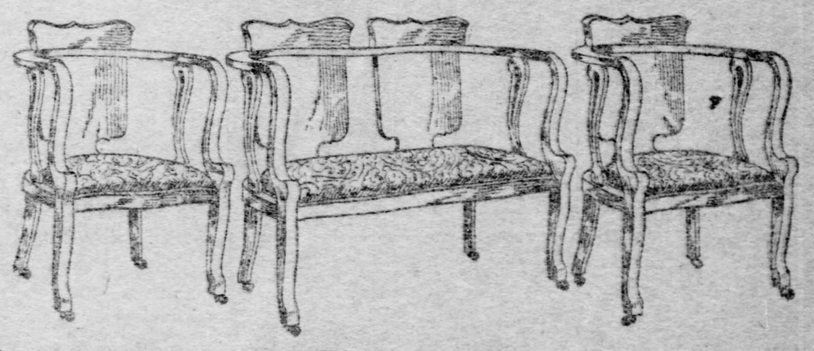

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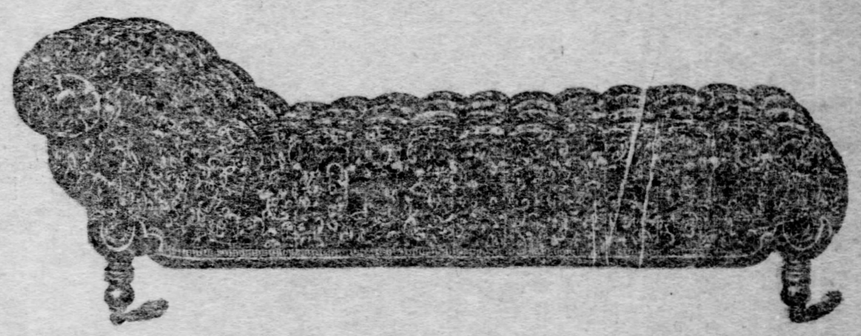

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WASHINGTON IS ALL STIRRED UP

High School Said to Be a "Rough House" and Girls Practice High Kicks.

JANITORS TO MAKE ARRESTS

[Special Telegram to The Gazette.]

WASHINGTON, PA., Dec. 15.—The janitors of the public schools went before Burgess W. F. Penn today and were sworn in as special policemen to preserve the peace in the schools. Three of them are women. This evening a meeting of the board of education was held at which the conduct of the schools was discussed and a committee was appointed to investigate.

The charges made at the meeting were many and sensational. It was alleged the young ladies who attend the Washington High school jump down the stairs, kick high and do other acrobatic feats which are not usually included in the curriculum of well ordered schools. The boys are said to be cigarette-fiends and spend their time in the streets when they should be in school, that there is no discipline and, since the board authorized the High school boys to adopt the "color rush," they have spent most of their time aping the young men of the big eastern colleges.

George D. McKeag is principal of the High school and William Kirchbaum of the common schools, of which there are six in the seven wards of the town. At the meeting Burgess Penn, who is also a member of the board, alleged the High school was a "rough house." A. C. Marsh, another member, said the pupils enter and leave the building with a tough swagger more suggestive of the Bowery than a place of education. Four days a week the pupils are tardy and nothing is said or done about it. George Husted said the pupils are suffering from too much "big feeling" and are entirely beyond control. The girls in the High school, he said, frequently jump down the stairs three or four steps at a time and the pupils race through the buildings as if they were playgrounds. High kicking is said to be indulged in by pupils of both sexes and the general conduct of the schools is loose. The same condition, it was claimed, prevails at all the school buildings in town and there is an utter lack of respect for the teachers.

Dr. William Denny, president of the board, appointed Messrs. Penn, Husted and Marsh a committee to investigate and report at a meeting to be held tomorrow evening. The newly authorized special officers have been instructed to arrest any students caught jumping down the stairs, playing on the fire escapes, running over the lawns or any of the other misdeeds accredited to them. The three women janitors who will wield the maces are Miss Jennie B. Cook, Mrs. Mary Hatfield and Mrs. Isa Eckert.

WIRELESS MESSAGE FROM KANSAS CITY TO CLEVELAND

KANSAS CITY, Dec. 15.—Wireless telegraph messages were sent today from Kansas City to Cleveland, 725 miles, without relaying. This is said to be the longest distance overland ever covered.

Brakeman Killed by Train.

CONNELLSVILLE, Dec. 15.—(Special.)—W. L. Hawk, aged 30, of South Connellsville was killed by a train on the Baltimore & Ohio railroad today. He was a freight brakeman.

TO RE-ESTABLISH ARMY CANTEEN

Congressman Morrell of Philadelphia Introduces Bill in the House.

HE EXPECTS MUCH OPPOSITION

The Pittsburgh Gazette Bureau.
Room 10, Postal Building.
WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 15.

Col. Edward DeV. Morrell of Philadelphia, chairman of the house committee on militia, today introduced in the house a bill to re-establish the post canteen at army posts. Col. Morrell states that he has introduced the bill on his own responsibility and without consulting any of the leaders of congress, so that he does not know whether it has any chance of being enacted into law or not. If action is not secured on it before adjournment on March 3, the bill dies with the present congress.

After reciting a long preamble that the abolition of the post canteen by congress is held, by 90 per cent of the officers of the army to be responsible for an increase in drunkenness, desertion, absence without leave and court-martial, the bill provides:

That whenever the commanding officer of any post, garrison, encampment, fort or other place, after a careful investigation, shall be of the opinion that it shall be for the best interests of and contribute to the efficiency and discipline of the portion of the army under his command to establish a post exchange, he shall forward through the regular channels to the secretary of war a request for such a permit together with a report containing his seasons for the request, and the secretary of war, after a review of the facts set forth, may in his discretion issue an order granting permission for the establishment of a post exchange under such rules and regulations as he may prescribe.

Provided further, that the permit so granted may at any time be revoked by the secretary of war upon information being furnished him, either by the officer who made the request, his successor, the department commander, or the inspector general, that the establishment of such canteen had not contributed to the efficiency and discipline of the command.

When asked if he proposed to press the bill at this session, Col. Morrell said: "Yes, I intend to get it through if I can. I do not know what are the chances of success. You will notice by the preamble that practically all the officers of the army are in favor of the re-establishment of the canteen and I trust their judgment should have some weight."

"I suppose you expect to have the temperance organizations after you for introducing this bill," suggested the correspondent.

"Yes, I expect that," said he. "I am thinking of posting a sergeant on guard at the door of this committee room to keep them out."

L. W. STRAYER.

Pittsburgh Firm Bids on Canal Work.

ALBANY, N. Y., Dec. 15.—Superintendent of Public Works Boyd today opened bids for construction work on the 1,000-ton barge canal. Among the 14 bidders for contract No. 21, which calls for the excavation of the canal from the Mohawk river to a point about a quarter of a mile west of the head of Lock No. 3, was the Eastern Construction Company of Pittsburgh, $1,000,000. The lowest bid was $863,000, made by the United Engineering and Constructing Company of New York.

NEWS OF THE NEARBY TOWNS AND COUNTRY

FARMER PLEADS GUILTY TO MURDERING FRIEND

Jacob Walmer Sentenced to 14 Years Imprisonment—Was Protecting Old Man from Assault.

[By Associated Press to The Gazette.]

LEBANON, Dec. 15.—Jacob Walmer, a Monroe valley farmer, today pleaded guilty to murder in the second degree in the killing of his neighbor and friend, William Mack, July 21. He was sentenced to 14 years imprisonment in the penitentiary.

At the time of the murder Mack and John Bordner, an old man, were helping Walmer in the harvest field. During the day Mack and Walmer drank freely of the contents of a keg of beer and the former made an assault on Bordner in spite of Walmer's warning. Fearful of the outcome of the assault Walmer seized a heavy piece of wood and struck Mack a hard blow on the head. Mack's skull was fractured and he died without regaining consciousness.

TOWN OFFICIALS ON TRIAL.

Canonsburg Men Sued for $10,000 Damage on Charge of Making Illegal Arrest.

WASHINGTON, PA. Dec. 15.—(Special.)—Burgess T. M. Reese, Constable John J. Miller and Councilman J. B. Johnson, T. A. Straub and H. P. Jones of Canonsburg are defendants in a suit for $10,000, the trial of which commenced today.

The case was brought by C. M. Greer, a former councilman and prominent business man. Greer claims that owing to trouble arising over a deadlock in the borough council the defendants, conspiring to injure his reputation, had him arrested illegally without preferring any specific charges, dragged him publicly through the streets to the lockup, refused to give him a hearing and forcibly confined him in a cell. He claims damage for his injured reputation and business.

"LOBSTER" AND OTHER WOES CAUSE OF MAN'S SUICIDE

AKRON, O., Dec. 15.—(Special.)—Fear of a sentence to the workhouse and the fact that other prisoners pushed him off a bench in the corridor and called him a "lobster" caused Charles Aldrich, aged 50, to commit suicide this morning at the city prison by hanging himself with a towel. Aldrich was at one time prosperous. He was arrested for stealing a pair of shoes.

Found Dead on the Ice.

IRWIN, Dec. 15.—(Special.)—Samuel G. Shaffer of Larimer was found dead on the ice on Brush Creek yesterday morning by his nieces Sadie and Ethel, while on their way to school. He had fallen and hurt himself and died from exposure. Mr. Shaffer was 61 years old and was a veteran of the civil war. For many years he was a Pennsylvania railroad engineer.

Sharon Has Cold Weather Record.

SHARON, Dec. 15.—(Special.)—The coldest weather of the season was recorded today when the mercury touched 10 below zero. There is much suffering among the poor.

Celebrated Their Golden Wedding

MR. AND MRS. RICHARD IRWIN.

ROCHESTER, PA., Dec. 15.—(Special.)—Mr. and Mrs. Richard Irwin celebrated their golden wedding anniversary yesterday. A dinner was served and the couple received many handsome gifts. Five persons were present who attended the wedding of Mr. and Mrs. Irwin 50 in 1854, they being Mr. and Mrs. John Reeves of Beaver Falls, Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Irwin of Rochester and Miss Sarah Pugh of New Brighton. Over 100 persons called during the afternoon to congratulate the aged couple. They have four children, as follows: Matthew and Frank Irwin, of Pittsburgh, Louis Irwin of Monaca, and Mrs. C. R. Blanchard of Chicago. They were all present. One child died in infancy. There are seven grandchildren and one greatgrandson. Both Mr. and Mrs. Irwin enjoy good health.

GREENE COUNTY FARMER ACCIDENTALLY KILLED

Gun With Which He Intended to Shoot Sparrows Falls and Is Discharged.

[Special Telegram to The Gazette.]

WAYNESBURG, Dec. 15.—Earl Huggins, aged 18, a young farmer of Garardsfort, Greene county, was accidentally killed this afternoon.

English sparrows had become such a pest that farmers of that region had organized into two bands to see which would kill the greater number of the birds. The winning side was to receive a supper at the expense of the losers. Huggins was much interested in the contest and frequently carried a gun to his work. Today when he went to the farm of William Minor to do some hauling, he placed the loaded shotgun in the front part of the sled, leaning the barel upward against the bed. Just as the team started the weapon fell and was discharged, the load penetrating Huggins' left breast, severing the large arteries above the heart. A companion, Charles Conway, who narrowly escaped being wounded, started to carry Huggins home, but the injured man was dead before reaching the house. He was a son of Alpheus Huggins.

MEN ARE NEARLY DROWNED BY MINE BEING FLOODED

Water Rushes in Through a Hole Left Where Casing Is Removed from Gas Well.

[Special Telegram to The Gazette.]

BEAVER, Dec. 15.—The drilling of a gas well near Hookstown has flooded a coal mine owned by Richard Stewart and thrown 14 miners out of employment. The lives of several men were endangered when the mine was flooded, but they escaped by swimming and wading. The gas well was drilled through one of the passages of the mine, but was cased off and it was thought that no trouble would result. Stewart neglected to request the drillers of the gas well to leave the casing in and yesterday they removed it. This left a 10-inch hole through the mine through which a great stream of water flowed.

The miners were at work beyond this point, but discovered the rising water in time to escape, although it reached their necks. They began at once to pump the water, but it has risen faster than it can be pumped and Stewart has decided to abandon the mine.

SYVETON GUILTY OF WRONG-DOING

Real Reason for Suicide Was Discovery of Intrigue With Stepdaughter.

TOLD HE SHOULD KILL HIMSELF

[Associated Press Cable to The Gazette.]

PARIS, Dec. 15.—The circumstances attending the death of Deputy Gabriel Syveton, who was found dead from asphyxiation in his apartments at Neuilly, December 8, are developing into a domestic drama of startling magnitude. Although the authorities refuse to speak pending their investigation, many sensational features have already come to light. It is established that the wife of M. Syveton was about to apply for a divorce on the grounds of improper relations between M. Syveton and Madame Menard, a daughter of Madame Syveton by a former husband.

Both M. Menard and Madame Syveton had accused the deputy of these relations and family council took place shortly before M. Syveton's death, at which violent scenes were enacted. M. Menard declaring that it was the duty of the deputy to put a bullet through his head, and Madame Syveton announcing her purpose to sue for a divorce. This was the eve of M. Syveton's trial for assaulting War Minister Andre in the chamber of deputies November 4. The deputy foresaw the public disclosure of his relations with his wife's daughter and thereupon committed suicide for the purpose of averting the disclosure. The foregoing is interwoven with many scandalous details which the police and public are following with absorbing interest. The case has taken on a political aspect, the Nationalists associated with M. Syveton asserting that there were threats of disclosure which amounted to a conspiracy on the part of the government's supporters to compel the deputy to take his own life. This charge does not appear to be supported, as the tragedy was clearly the result of a scandalous domestic drama.

In the course of the investigation it developed that M. Syveton had been receiving a salary of $5,000 as secretary for Count Boni de Castellane.

TRAFFIC IN GIRLS SUSPECTED.

Hungarian Girl from Pittsburgh Arrested at Lorain, O.—May Have Been Drugged.

LORAIN, O., Dec. 15.—(Special.)—Evidence of traffic in young foreign girls has come to light in the arrest of a 19-year-old Hungarian girl here on a charge of insanity, just after she had reached here today from Pittsburgh. Her destination was a disreputable house in Lorain. In the pocket of the girl's coat was a telegram reading "Send the girl on."

The keeper of a resort appeared at the jail after the arrest and inquired about the chances of the girl's release. It is believed that the girl is not insane, but that she had been drugged before being sent here.

Decides Girl Killed Herself.

AKRON, O., Dec. 15.—(Special.)—Coroner Humphrey, after investigating the tragic death of Miss Grace Trumphour, the pretty Barberton girl, whom her fiance, Nelson Kepler, said shot herself in his presence, rendered a verdict of suicide today.

HAY PAYS HIGH TRIBUTE TO DAVIS

Ex-President Cleveland and Wayne MacVeagh Also Praise Late Editor.

FUNERAL TO BE HELD TODAY

The Pittsburgh Gazette Bureau.
Press Building.
PHILADELPHIA, PA., Dec. 15.

The funeral of L. Clarke Davis, late editor-in-chief of the Public Ledger, will take place tomorrow. Expressions of sorrow and regret from many sources were today received by the family. Secretary of State John Hay spoke as follows:

"Speaking as one who had known him well for a great many years, I can say that he was a man of the highest convictions and the highest consciousness. He was a man of remarkable gifts and still more remarkable worth of character. Rarely have I known a man of more fervent civic convictions than Mr. Davis, a man who was always working for the public good; a man of singular purity and nobility of character. His death certainly will make a very great vacancy in the ranks of intelligent and high-minded journalists in this country. All I can say, aside from this, is to express my sense of a great personal loss in the death of such a man."

Ex-President Cleveland said: "In the death of Mr. Davis the press has lost a fearless advocate of civic righteousness, his country has lost a high example of good citizenship and his city has lost a watchful guardian of her best interests."

Ex-Attorney General Wayne MacVeagh gave the following: "Mr. Clarke Davis has been for many years one of my best friends, and my sorrow at his death is such that I cannot speak of him as he deserves. His loss to the great community he has served so long and so faithfully can hardly be measured. He never wrote a line his friends need wish to blot, and he never for a moment swerved from his high and noble standard of duty, while the graces of his style rendered everything which came from his pen worthy of a place in literature. His entire career, indeed, has been a signal honor to American journalism, and to those of us who were privileged to know him intimately his delightful humor, his keen and incisive intelligence and wide knowledge alike of books and of men made his companionship one of the joys of life, the loss of which can never be supplied."

CHESTER D. POTTER.

Store Destroyed by Fire.

UNIONTOWN, Dec. 15.—(Special.)—The storeroom and stock of the Atlas Coke Company at the Helen works near Keister was consumed by fire early this morning, the loss being $17,000, mostly covered by insurance. The fire started from a heater in the basement. Two men sleeping in the second floor escaped in their night clothes. There was no water with which to fight the fire.

Oil Refiner Dies Suddenly.

FRANKLIN, Dec. 15.—(Special.)—Robert Fleming, aged 72, a pioneer in the oil refining business died suddenly in Franklin this morning. While seated at the breakfast table he was seized with heart failure and died soon afterward. Mr. Fleming was born in Ireland. He was a member of the Franklin school board.

COMMENCING SATURDAY OPEN EVERY NIGHT UNTIL CHRISTMAS TILL 10 O'CLOCK

Our new
Cigar
Dep't
Opens today

THE opening of "The Big Store's" cigar department (located just inside our new Fifth Ave. entrance) means the inaugurating of a new era in cigar selling—as we will sell the best grades of foreign and domestic cigars at lower prices than have ever been quoted on standard goods. It needs only a glance at the following price list to see just what this statement implies.

Every smoker will want to make the acquaintance of our new cigar store—for it means beter cigars for less money than you ever before paid.

Today every visitor to our new cigar department will receive a good cigar with our compliments.

Imported cigars

LA CAROLINA PERFECTOS, 23c each, box of 25 for 5.00.
BOCK & CO. RECIPROCITY, 11c each, box of 100 for 10.00.
BOCK & CO. PANETELLOS, 12c each, box of 100 for 11.50.
MANUEL GARCIA PURITANO FINO, each 12c, box of 50 for 5.75.
MANUEL GARCIA CONCHA, 10c each, box of 50 for 4.75.
WALDORF ASTORIA REY DEL PRADO, 10c each, box of 50 for 4.50.

Key West Havana cigars

PRIMO CARTEL CONCHA ESPECIALS, sold everywhere box of 50 for 3.75, our price....2.25
PRIMO CARTEL PURITANO, sold everywhere box of 50 for 4.50, our price....2.45
PRIMO CARTEL, PERFECTO GRANDE, sold everywhere box of 25 for 2.25, our price....1.50
ELISARDA PRINCIPE SIZE, cost to manufacture $8, our price per hundred....6.00
HAVATAN HIGH GRADE 5c CIGAR, immense value, box of 50 for....1.45
OUR PERFECTO, a high grade 10c cigar, manufacturer's price $6 per hundred, our price, box of 50 for....2.00
TURKISH TROPHIES CIGARETTES, cork tips. 8c per package

To introduce our own brand of high grade stogie, we will sell a box of 100 at 1.25, and present you free of charge with a high art burnt wood wall pipe rack.

A complete line of smokers' goods at equally low prices.

We reserve the right to limit quantities on the above very special offers.

KAUFMANN'S
"THE BIG STORE"

Sale of $1.50 dolls for 98c

Some 500 beautiful dolls are included in this underprice offer—both jointed and kid body; 23 in. long; jointed hips and knees; moving eyes; sewed wigs—equally large and fine dolls have never before been offered at the low price of 98c.

Prices are very low on Christmas books

—wonderfully low, in fact. And on worthful books—that is to say—good in all respects, good paper, good printing, good binding, etc. No other kind will be found here, as we don't allow them on our shelves. Let us supply the book want—we can do so far better than any other store, as our stock is three times the size of the next biggest.

Latest publications

The Man on the Box, by Harold McGrath, 1.08
My Lady of the North, by Randall Parrish, 1.08
The Prodigal Son, by Hall Caine—1.08
Beverly of Graustark, by George B. McCutcheon—1.08
The Undercurrent, by Robert Grant—1.08
The Madigans, by Mariam Michelson—1.08.
The Youth of Washington, by Wier Mitchell 1.08
God's Good Man, by Marie Corelli—1.08
The Brethren, by Rider Haggard—1.08
Little Citizens, by Myra Kelly—1.08.
The Law of the Land, by Emerson Hough—1.08
The House of Fulfillment, by George Madden Martin—1.08
Tillie, a Mennonite Maid, by Helen R. Martin—1.08
Black Friday, by Fred. Isham—1.08.
Whosoever Shall Offend, by Marion Crawford—1.08
Christmas Eve on Lonesome, by John Fox, Jr.—1.08
Out to Old Aunt Mary's, the new Christy-Riley book—1.28
Kitty of the Roses, by Ralph Barbour—1.44
A Journey in Search of Christmas, by Owen Wister—1.44.
Love Finds the Way, by Paul Ford—1.44

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Choice 45c
The Christy Calendar for 1905—1.98.
The Mimics Calendar, 39c.
Illustrated holiday editions of
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Dainty illustrated books tastily bound in fine cloth, embossed in gold and colors, hundreds of titles, including
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A complete line of standard sets in fine cloth and leather binding—
Special—Dickens' Works, 15 volumes, fine cloth, per set, 3.39.
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The Tar Baby and Other Songs of Uncle Remus, by Joel Chandler Harris—2.00.
In the Closed Room, by Mrs. Burnett—1.08.
Monarch, The Big Bear of Tallac, by Ernest Thompson Seton—1.25.
Babes in Toyland, by G. McDonald and Anna Alice Chapin—1.50.
The Pearl and the Pumpkin, illustrated by Denslow—90c.
The Marvelous Land of Oz, by L. Frank Baum—89c.
Eugene Field's Poems of Childhood, illustrated by Maxfield Parrish—published at $2.50, our price—1.89.
St. Nicholas, two volumes, cloth binding—3.39.
New Chatterbox—89c.
New Buster Brown, 50c.
Buster Brown Calendar, 59c.

45c Cloth bound books for boys and girls

Round Dozen, Castle Blair, Their Canoe Trip, Changing Base, Nan at Chicopee, Flower of the Wilderness, Sparrow, the Tramp, Hester Stanley.
Choice 25c

Headquarters for Bibles, prayer books, holiday stationery, diaries for 1905, calendars, Christmas cards and booklets, scrap albums, postal card albums, fountain pens, etc.

Umbrellas; three specials that will greatly interest Christmas shoppers

$3 umbrellas, 1.48

These are all 26-inch colored taffeta silk umbrellas—a special purchase from a well-known maker. Come in the new shades of blue, brown, green, red, etc., with fancy woven border.

$4 to $6 umbrellas, 2.48

Fine gift umbrellas at a big price concession. Handles embrace every conceivable kind from novelties in ivory and pearl to exquisite effects in gold, horn and ornamented natural woods. The coverings are French taffeta silk and ribbed silk.

$7 to $10 umbrellas 3.98

These represent the best in umbrella construction—both men's and women's, fine pure French twilled silk umbrellas, with handles of exquisite hand-carved ivory, mother-ofpearl mounted with 14k gold and silver, etc.

Christmas handkerchiefs

THOUSANDS of handkerchiefs are being sold by us daily. We've never before experienced such a wonderful handkerchief business. It verily seems as if everybody is giving handkerchiefs—and as if they're all buying them here.

Have you seen our handkerchief window display? Bring the children down to see it—it represents a miniature Ferris wheel, lighted up with incandescent lamps. In the various cars are seated little dolls; and they're having lots of frolic as the wheel goes 'round. It's one of the prettiest handkerchief displays we've ever had. The following list of items is a representative one:

Women's initial handkerchiefs—sheer and medium weight linen—daintily embroidered with a small initial, surrounded with wreath or butterfly design — especially priced at 8½c, 12½c and 25c

Embroidered handkerchiefs—dainty sheer linen embroidered hemstitched handkerchiefs—over 100 styles—all the newest designs, bow knot, fleur de lis, chrysanthemum, etc., real 35c values, choice for....25c

Women's lace trimmed handkerchiefs — 200 styles, embracing every new idea of lace edge and inserting—fine sheer linen centers—exceptionally good value at....25c

New line of silk mufflers—pretty polka dot effects, Persian effects, etc....48c to 2.50

Women's Real lace handkerchiefs—a sample line of fine duchesse and point lace handkerchiefs—only one or two of a kind, at three special prices....2.50, 3.50 and 4.50

Fancy boxed handkerchiefs—dozens and dozens of styles and kinds of women's handkerchiefs—a half dozen different lace trimmed and embroidered ones put up in a fancy presentation box for..1.50

Children's handkerchiefs — three children's pretty color bordered handkerchiefs, put up in fancy picture box for only....15c box

Children's initial handkerchiefs—a fancy picture box containing three children's embroidered initial handkerchiefs, plain white or colored initial—splendid value at....25c box

Men's initial handkerchiefs—put up 6 in a fancy box for 75c, or each....15c

Men's pure linen handkerchiefs, with initial, large size, 3 for 50c, each....19c

Men's pure Irish linen handkerchiefs—with hand worked initial, each....25c

Men's pure Irish linen handkerchiefs—extra large size—regular 50c value, 3 for $1, each..33c

Men's China silk initial handkerchiefs—regular 50c value, 3 for $1, each....33c

Men's fancy colored handkerchiefs, in silk or linen—regular 75c value—special, each....44c

Men's fancy colored border silk handkerchiefs—regular 50c value—each....25c

Women's gloves for Xmas giving

OUR glove department is thronged these days with hosts of buyers who will make gifts of this sort. It's the biggest and busiest Christmas glove season we've ever known. Offerings such as the following are what's doing it:

75c will buy

Women's two-clasp imported French kid gloves with the new self embroidered backs and overseam sewn; also heavy mannish walking gloves with one large clasp; all the new holiday shades—good $1 values.

1.00 will buy

A pair of our "Juliette" French glace kid gloves with Paris point back, pique or overseam sewn—or a pair of our mannish walking gloves or our new velvet finish pique mocha gloves. All the new shades for the holidays.

1.50 will buy

A pair of our famous "Norwood" kid gloves, made from best quality French kid with pique and embroidered back, outseam and pique sewn, two or three-clasp, in glace or suede—or a pair of finest pique silk lined or unlined mocha or one or two-clasp prix seam cape walking gloves, in all the Holiday shades.

"THE GREEN DOOR"
A Humorous Tale by O. Henry,
IN THE SUNDAY GAZETTE

The Pittsburgh Gazette.

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"THE USURPER"
Mary E. Wilkins' Christmas Story
IN THE SUNDAY GAZETTE

POLICE WILL NOT ALLOW PROFESSIONAL FIGHTS

DIRECTOR MOORE PREVENTS FIGHT

Will Not Allow Kennedy and Broad to Meet and Will Bar All Professional Boxers.

AMATEUR BOUTS MAY GO

Director Moore of the department of public safety will not tolerate professional boxing in the city. Yesterday he notified the promoters of the Kennedy-Broad contest that the fighters would not be permitted to face each other in Old City hall Monday night.

A delegation of ministers waited upon Director Moore and asked him to prevent the bout. Kennedy has been in trouble with the police for street fighting and under no consideration will the police allow him to appear in public.

Director Moore has no objections to amateur boxing. He believes it is good exercise and the public will favor it. Professional fighters, however, cannot have their bouts in the city. He objects to the character of many of the managers and fighters, and claims they bring an element into the city that is not desirable.

The managers of the Kennedy-Broad contest told Supt. Wallace they had gone to considerable expense in advertising the bout and wanted him to consent to allow the men to box three rounds. Director Moore refused to tolerate the appearance of the men in the ring at all.

WRITERS' GOLF TOURNEY.

Advertising Experts Will Have a Chance to Show Their Skill for Fine Prizes.

An international tournament of advertising men will be held on the championship course at Pinehurst, N. C., on Monday and Tuesday, January 9 and 10, immediately preceding the annual mid-winter tournament on the four succeeding days.

This tournament includes any general or local advertizer over his owner his firm's name; any one who has authority to place advertising for any firm or corporation; any one whose sole business is soliciting, writing or placing advertising; any general or special advertising agent; any manager of the advertising department of a newspaper, publication, firm or corporation; any one exclusively engaged in preparing advertising novelties; any one exclusively engaged in soliciting or placing advertising in street cars, or on bill boards or hoardings.

It has been decided to eliminate all handicaps and divide the players after the qualifying round into groups of eight according to scores, each eight to play for the trophies, one to be fought for between the winning four and the other between the defeated four in each eight.

In addition there will be medals for each of the lowest eight scores in the qualifying round, and a gold medal for the lowest score in qualifying round. Under the above arrangement every player will have a fair opportunity to meet players of his own class with a chance of winning one of the 16 prizes offered.

FAIRMONT CAN'T SCORE.

Four A Seven Shoots Six Goals and Wins Central Amateur League Game.

	W.	L.	Pct.
A. A. A. A.	2	0	1000
Orsenfield	0	1	.000
Fairmont	0	1	.000

The Four A seven won its second game in the Central Amateur Hockey league last evening by beating the Fairmont team, 6 to 0. The Silver Lake seven dropped out of the league and the Fairmont took its place, playing its first game last evening. The winners showed good hockey throughout, outplaying the new comers at all angles. Kock, who will be given a trial by the Pittsburgh team, was the star performer last evening, closely followed by Brashear. In the first half Koch and Brashear each shot one goal. The lineup:

Four A.—6.		Fairmont—0.
McKee	Goal	Cochran
Gaw	Point	Helbling
Kapple	Cover Point	Comfort
Brashear	Forward	Phillips
McKinney	Center	Allander
Barr, Seipp	Right Wing	Huff
Koch	Left Wing	Dunlap

Goals—Koch 4, McKinney, Brashear. Referee—Schaedler.

AN ATHLETIC ELECTION.

Wash.-Jeff. Academy Chooses Its Leaders and Awards Football Letters.

WASHINGTON, PA., Dec. 15.—(Special.)—The athletic committee of the Washington and Jefferson academy has chosen the following baseball, football and basketball captains and managers: Baseball—Manager, John Ely of Washington; assistant manager, Duane Morgan, Washington; captain, Homer McCleary, Washington. Football—Manager, Colin Reed, Washington; assistant manager, Cassius Dunn, Washington; captain, William Workman, Washington. Basketball—Fourth year captain, H. T. McClelland, Washington; third year captain, Colin Reed, Washington; second year captain, Robert Fulton, Washington, and first year captain, Mont Crumrine, Washington.

The following members of the W. and J. academy football team have been awarded the letters "W. & J. A.": Taylor, Reed, Deems, Donnan, McDowell, Workman, Crumrine, McCleary, Weirich, Pitcairn, McClelland, Chalmers, Neal, Gladden, Curtain, Ritter, McKeever, Robinson and Levine.

St. Lukes Have a Picnic.

The St. Lukes of Carnegie defeated the Blacks last night at Carnegie 58 to 4. Lineup:

St. Lukes—58.		W. R. Blacks—4.
Flynn	Forward	Shields
Moran	Forward	Miller
Nixon	Center	Bengought
Beukner	Guard	Hennessey
Nelson	Guard	Harper

Field goals—Flynn 12, Moran 6, Nixon, Beukner 5, Nelson 2, Feeley 3, Bengought, Hennessey. Substitutions—Feeley for Nelson, Harper for Bengought.

Will Expand Tri-State League.

HARRISBURG, Dec. 15.—A meeting of the Tri-State league will be held in this city tomorrow evening, when it is probable steps will be taken to increase the circuit to eight clubs. One of the big colored teams may be one of the new clubs and Johnstown the other. Either the Philadelphia Giants or Cuban Giants would prove an attraction in every city on the circuit. It is also understood that President Creamer will not stand for re-election because of the pressure of private business affairs.

AMONG THE PASSERS.

The Sterlings will play the Pequots at Bohemian hall this evening.

Trinity wants games with all 13-year-old teams having halls. Address William E. Scott, 2021 Colwell street, city.

The A. O. B. team challenge all 13 to 15-year-old teams having halls. Address Earl S. Rodda, 7514 Calumet street, Swissvale.

The Wilmerding Juniors want a game away from home with any good 9 or 10-year-old team Saturday night. Call Heubel, 39 Wilmerding this evening.

The Press team of Homestead wants the manager of the Young Men's Athletic association to call up 28 Homestead steel works on Bell 'phone today.

The Olympic Juniors want a game for tonight or Saturday night with any 13 or 14-year-old team. Call 384 Bell McKeesport, or address H. S. Newton, McKeesport.

The Wilmerding Y. M. C. A. first team wants a game at the Wilmerding floor for Saturday, Dec. 17. Any first-class team call George Graham, Bell 'phone 1314 Grant.

The South Side Turners would like to hear from all junior teams for games at home on Thursday and away from home any Saturday. Address P. Kleist, 77 Eleventh street, city.

Manager Adams of the Pittsburgh Nationals desires the following players to be at Seventh street and Penn avenue Saturday evening at 7:30 o'clock in regard to playing preliminary game for the W. U. P. basketball team: Gallagher, Orr, Kaulback, Frisch and Trautman.

The St. Luke Midgets of Carnegie want games with all 11 to 14-year-old teams. Address James L. Barrett, 420 Third avenue, Carnegie.

Excursion to Wheeling Every Sunday
Via Baltimore & Ohio Railroad.

Special train leaves station, corner of Smithfield and Water streets, 8:30 a. m.; returning leaves Wheeling 5:30 p. m. Fare $1.50 round trip.

P. A. C. PLAYS FIRST GAME TONIGHT WITH THE SENIORS

Koch Will Be Tried on Left Wing by Captain Spittal—Other Hockey News.

The reorganized P. A. C. hockey team will play its first game tonight at Duquesne garden, meeting the Pittsburgh seven. P. A. C. practiced last night and showed up fast. Melville of the Pittsburgh seven will play for P. A. C. in tonight's game. Gus Koch, a local amateur, will be given a trial at left wing on the senior team.

After the game the Pittsburgh team will leave for the northwest and Canada, where it will meet the other four teams in the international Hockey league. It will open at Calumet, Mich., Monday night. The team will play at Calumet, Houghton, American Soo and Canadian Soo. It will be gone two weeks, being due home December 30.

Garnet Sixsmith, who was injured in the game last Saturday night in a collision with Bruce Stuart, is again in good condition and left for Chicago Wednesday. Sixsmith is in the automobile business in Chicago. He will go with the Pittsburgh team on its western trip and is to meet it in Chicago Saturday evening.

A large attendance is expected at tonight's game, as it will be the last appearance of the Pittsburgh team until January. The teams will line up tonight as follows:

Pittsburghs.		P. A. C.
Mackay	Goal	Donnelly, Lamb
Spittal	Point	Bish
Duval	Cover Point	Melville
Campbell	Forward	Taylor
Roberts	Center	Steel, Hendry
Black	Right Wing	Young
Koch	Left Wing	McCarron

Face-off at 8:30. Twenty-minute halves.

Pittsburgh High School and Allegheny Prep will meet in a championship game tomorrow afternoon at Duquesne garden. This will be the first meeting between these schools. Charlie Reisfar, the High School captain, will have his strongest team out. He wants to break down Shadyside's hold on first place. Harmon, the cover point, who has had a badly cut ankle, will be in the game. The Preps will have their strongest team on the ice. Stanley Lyon has recovered from a siege of chickenpox and Murray Fahnestock from tonsilitis.

Hockey in Cleveland will be boomed this winter. The Franklin Athletic club has been organized and will play the leading teams in the country, so it is said.

A league will probably be formed at Swissvale, where outdoor skating is held in the Swissvale baseball park. The Swissvale seven will play a team known as the All-Collegiates Christmas morning.

The West End Christian Men's association seven is governed by these officers: W. C. Fording, manager; Allen Fowler, captain; A. E. Clinton, president; R. McKeever, vice president, and Paul W. Brass, secretary. All 16 to 17-year-old teams wanting games address W. C. Fording, 2519 Farmers Bank building, city.

AGNES MACK'S VICTORY.

Twenty-to-One Shot Beat the Favorite on Ascot Track.

LOS ANGELES, Dec. 15.—Favorites fared badly at Ascot today. Sais, the only successful favorite, took the fourth race from a good field. Agnes Mack surprised everybody by winning the second race at 20 to 1 from the favorite, The Major, with Wager third. Freesias, heavily played in the third, could not get up in time to beat Blue Ridge. Summary:

First race, 5 furlongs—Hilona, 105, McDaniel, 5 to 2, won; Light of Day, 105, Hildebrand, 2 to 1, second; Anona, 110, W. Austin, 25 to 1, third. Time, 1:01¾.

Second race, 6 furlongs—Agnes Mack, 101, Sinnott, 20 to 1, won; The Major, 108, Herbert, 9 to 10, second; Wager, 99, Lawrence, 15 to 1, third. Time, 1:14⅘.

Third race, mile and 70 yards—Blue Ridge, 102, Hildebrand, 4 to 1, won; Freesias, 96, Herbert, 4 to 5, second; Phys, 97, Sinnott, 4 to 1, third. Time, 1:47.

Fourth race, 5½ furlongs—Sais, 108, Hildebrand, even, won; El Chihuahua, 106, Treubel, 10 to 1, second; Kenilworth, 104, H. Smith, 15 to 1, third. Time, 1:21.

Fifth race, mile and 70 yards—Invictus, 97, Kent, 4 to 1, won; Namtor, 105, Dugan, 4 to 1, second; Cloverton, 96, Moriarity, 15 to 1, third. Time, 1:47.

Sixth race, 6 furlongs—Sir Christopher, 99, Sinnott, 4 to 1, won; Nanon, 104, J. Powell, 4 to 1, second; Skirmish, 104, Lawrence, 7 to 10, third. Time, 1:16.

MEDAL GIVEN BY CONGRESS.

Hockey Player and Ticket Seller at Duquesne Garden Honored for Bravery in the Spanish War.

A Spanish war veteran takes tickets at the main entrance to Duquesne garden, but there is not one person in a thousand who passes through the gate is aware of the fact. The hero is H. O. Thomas, a Pittsburgh boy who, besides fulfilling his duties as ticket-taker, finds time to play on the numerous amateur hockey teams in the garden.

Thomas is a tall, well-built youth and in his natty blue uniform presents a fine appearance, but no one ever suspected that he ever smelled the powder of the enemy; not even his friends knew it. Yesterday he called a friend to him and displayed a plush box. "A gift from congress," he said. A handsome bronze medal was within the case.

"Yes, congress on March 3, 1901, voted me a medal, but I did not get it until this morning."

Asked what he had done to merit such a gift from congress, he replied:

"I was a member of Company F, First battalion marines, attached to the Brooklyn when the war broke out with Spain. We were ordered to Cuba and engaged in the battle at Guantanamo June 11, 12 and 13, 1898. I was in the fighting all three days and, like the rest of my comrades, fought for all we knew how. Everybody thought I did well, and congress remembered me with this," he concluded, displaying his medal.

WANT TO SKATE HERE.

Canadian Experts Anxious to Take Part in a Pursuit Race.

WINNIPEG, MANITOBA, Dec. 15.—On behalf of himself and Nerval Baptie, Charles Davidson authorizes the acceptance of the challenge to a pursuit skating race issued by Dorion and Sinnimd, the former being one of the team that won the recent six-day bicycle race at New York.

Davidson and Baptie are willing to meet Dorion and Sinnimd at Pittsburgh for from $200 to $500 a side.

TOD SLOAN WINS SUIT.

Highest French Court Decides In Favor of American Jockey.

PARIS, Dec. 15.—The court of appeals has confirmed the judgment of the lower court favorable to "Tod" Sloan, the American jockey, and against the Jockey club.

Sloan sued the Jockey club for $40,000 damages for being warned off the turf in connection with Rose de Mai's winning the Prix De Diane at the Chantilly races in May, 1902.

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LIBERTY LOST TO NEW TEAM

The Birmingham Bowlers Celebrated Entry by Pulling Opponents from First Place.

The Liberty team of the County Bowling league stacked up against a surprise on the South Side last night when it went against the Birmingham team and lost two out of three games. This was Birmingham's first league game and victory pulls the Liberty team down out of first place in the league race.

The cause of Liberty's downfall was no doubt due to new alleys, as is shown by the score. Birmingham won the first two games and Liberty took the final one by a large margin. Score:

Birmingham—			
Slack	146	190	155
Fassold	156	148	129
Fink	153	138	137
Dapper	158	147	150
Ringloff	198	168	207
Totals	811	791	788
Liberty—			
Loberg	139	145	213
Till	142		...
Heller		178	158
Marshall	168	152	196
Seibel	166	176	186
Marbach	176	130	201
Totals	771	786	954

The Mammoth and Glenwood teams of the County league played off a postponed game and Mammoth took two out of three. Scores:

Glenwood—			
Faikin	191	179	141
Flanegan	172	159	137
Wright	170	155	171
Hopkins	165	138	145
Collins	128	151	178
Totals	826	782	772
Mammoth—			
Silver	222	166	169
Salmon	149	152	155
McKinney	168	175	125
Fisher	104	148	219
Rapp	157	129	199
Totals	850	770	887

In the City league the Unity team showed good form and won two out of three from Castle 211. Scores:

Unity—			
Pherson	168	151	156
Coons	189	170	157
Devore	165	207	172
Helmbuchner	184	206	198
McGrath	166	190	194
Totals	862	921	877
Castle 211—			
W. Bert	91	130	125
J. Bert	139		...
Vogel		159	139
Thaner	159	147	167
Spragt	155	164	141
H. Bert	154	137	148
Totals	703	737	720

St. Aloysius of the Diocesan league took the rubber game from the St. Charles team. Scores:

St. Aloysius—			
Schuler	166	181	182
Rebholz	149	140	150
Gitk	158	124	134
Knoll	151	176	160
Small	128	134	184
Totals	752	754	810
St. Joseph—			
M. Hungerman	154	115	...
Melfelt	151	168	182
Epping	166	163	136
H. Hungerman	109	164	158
Myers	176	134	178
Gaus		...	145
Totals	807	746	799

The single and married men of William G. Johnston & Co. met on the Duquesne allies last night for the first time in a series of games. The single men won the first two games and lost the last one by one point. Scores:

Single—			
Peters	135	134	103
H. Myers	107	48	76
Langenlaacher	88	125	98
McShane	63	56	54
Whiteside	151	122	109
Totals	569	485	488
Married—			
Cooper	132	131	92
Haslett	82	75	93
Koerbel	93	83	92
L. Myers	80	63	53
Doeffler	79	81	109
Totals	466	433	439

The Standards defeated the Kain team on Sirlin alleys, Millvale, last night, taking two out of three games. Hacke of the Kains had high score of 181 and Gust of the Standards rolled high average of 130. Scores:

Standards—			
Lang	126	89	106
Fromme	121	133	125
Gebhardt	98	115	104
Speer	116	140	129
Gust	143	130	125
Totals	604	607	590
Kain—			
Hacke	122	181	86
Kain	97	91	98
Yetzge	109	126	93
Hasaman	141	119	120
Reed	142	113	119
Totals	602	630	516

YALE TO PLAY HERE.

Blue Will Probably Meet W. U. P. in Basketball March 28.

Manager Melhuish of the Western University of Pennsylvania basketball team yesterday received a letter from Ward McLanahan, manager of the Yale team, who said the blue five would play W. U. P. in Pittsburgh March 28. The negotiations for the game will probably be closed in a few days. W. U. P. is elated at the chance to play Yale.

Manager Melhuish yesterday arranged with the Muskingum college of New Concord, O., to play here February 3. Muskingum holds the college championship for central Ohio.

Captain and Coach Joe Thompson had candidates from the engineering and college departments out for practice last evening. He was impressed with the showing of Rosenbloom, Gill, Marsh, White, Young, Carr and Dickie. Candidates from the Medical and Dental schools will be out this evening.

WHAT THE INDEPENDENT PLAYERS ARE DOING

Dick Nallen, the Villa Nova college outfielder, who began last season with the Harrisburg Tri-State league team and who finished with Johnstown, has signed with the Wheeling Central league for next year. "Pop" Shriver, the old Waynesburg college catcher, has also signed with Wheeling.

There are letters at this office for "Red" Calhoun, "Red" Nagle and "Lefty" Jackson.

Efforts are being made to organize a semi-professional team at Washington for next year. James P. Brownlee, who managed a team for two years, says he will not head a team for another year. "Pop" McConnell of Wellsburg, W. Va., may be field manager of a team if one is put in the field.

Midgets Play Close Game.

The South Side Turner Midgets defeated the Manchester Midgets last night 15 to 12. Lineup:

Turners—15.		Manchester—12.
Reich	R. F.	Jackson
Hofman	L. F.	Watson
Quelick	C.	Richards
Prince	R. G.	Kelly
Schafer	L. G.	Earls

Field goals—Reich 2, Watson 2, Qualick, Schafer, Jackson, Kelly. Foul goals—Reich 7, Steupel 2. Substitution—Watson for Steupe. Referee—McArdle.

Morgan Enters the Race.

WASHINGTON, PA., Dec. 15.—(Special.)—The fight for the managership of the W. and J. football team became more complicated today when J. S. Morgan of Pittsburgh, a junior, announced his candidacy. This makes three candidates, the two others being Harold Kennedy of Uniontown and Alexander Reed of Washington. The election will be held tomorrow evening. A deadlock is looked for.

Ohio Fair Managers Organize.

SPRINGFIELD, O., Dec. 15.—A protective association similar to the American Trotting association, was formed by the Ohio county fair managers whose convention adjourned today after a two-days' convention in this city. The association will meet next year in Tiffin.

PEIFER ELECTED CAPTAIN OF THE KISKI ELEVEN

Allegheny Boy Honored by Preps. at Saltsburg—Latest from the Schools and Colleges.

Harry Peifer of Allegheny will lead the Kiski football eleven next fall. The choice for captain to succeed Harry Gordon was made the other day at Kiski, but it was not announced until yesterday when the Pittsburgh boys came home for their Christmas vacation. "Muggins" Cunningham gave out the news.

Peifer played right tackle on the championship team last fall and was one of the best ground gainers. He was used almost as often as the back field men in carrying the leather for gains.

Harry Straub of the East End is home from the Lehigh Preparatory school. He was captain of the football eleven this season, which played the leading prep schools in the east.

John D. Tross of Johnstown has been elected captain of the Dickinson Prep school eleven for next season. Tross was one of the best players on last season's eleven.

Augustus F. Holly, Jr., for two years guard on the Princeton varsity eleven, is dead at Lakewood, N. J., from spinal disease. He was graduated in 1895.

Elmer Helman of Roxborough, Pa., has been chosen captain of the Franklin and Marshall eleven for next year. He played end the closing year.

An athletic association will be formed at the Allegheny High school. Allegheny will have six baseball teams, two from the commercial class and four from the academic. Two games will be played each week.

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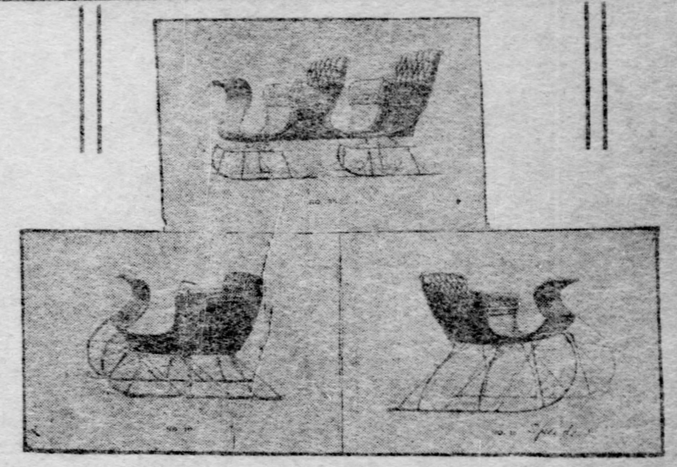

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Air Rifles	65c and up	Target Rifles	$1.50 and up
Double-Barrel Guns	$9.00 and up	Single-Barrel Shotguns	$4.00 and up
Leggins	40c and up	Shooting Coats	75c and up
Reels	50c and up	Fishing Rods	15c and up
Plate Cameras	$3.50 and up	Kodaks	$1.00 and up
Hockey Skates	50c and up	Skates	50c to $5.00
Hockey Pucks	10c and up	Hockey Shoes	$3.00 to $3.50
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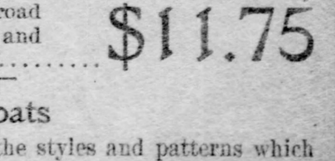

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This is a cut price on some of our finest overcoats in stock—being just the styles and patterns which are most in demand by dressers who keep abreast of fashion. The fabrics are exclusive in colorings and designs. The workmanship is perfect—there are garments that no man need be ashamed of. They were marked $20 and $22.50, and there are few coats shown elsewhere at $25 that can compare with them. Sale Price..... $17.50

Men's Paddock Overcoats

Our hand-tailored paddocks, of finest woolens, are the ultra-fashionable garments of the year. The "paddock" is the aristocrat among overcoats; it cannot be imitated in inferior garments because the most skilled workmanship is needed to bring out its dressy lines. Priced from..... $25 to $50

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NEW YORK WINS ITS BIGGEST SUIT

Relieved of Claim of $27,000,000 Made by Inventor of Fire Engine Relief Valve.

BEEN IN COURTS 27 YEARS

THE PITTSBURGH GAZETTE BUREAU.
Herald Building, Herald Square.
NEW YORK, Dec. 15.

By a unanimous opinion of the United States circuit court of appeals in an opinion by Judge Coxe of that court, filed today, the city of New York is relieved of a claim of about $27,000,000 which has been in constant litigation since 1877, and from a judgment of about $1,200,000 which was entered against it in the United States circuit court on November 17, 1900. From this judgment the city appealed, as did the complainant, contending that it should have been given a judgment for a total of about $27,000,000.

The immense sum involved grew from an almost insignificant patent. Long before the civil war there lived in Troy, N. Y., James Knibbs, who was something of an inventor of machinery, particularly of steam apparatus. He was interested in the building of fire engines and his heirs claim he first conceived the idea of placing on a fire engine a certain valve which has become indispensable and which is used in an improved style on every fire engine in the world.

Nearly all fire engines are equipped to supply several lines of hose, but quite frequently an engine is not required to supply more than one or two lines. In this case the pressure of water becomes so great that it is necessary, in order to prevent the immediate wrecking of the engine, to have a controlling valve. If for example, an engine was throwing water through two or more lines of hose on to a blaze and suddenly one hose was shut off at the nozzle the engine would be suddenly ruined were it not for this relief valve.

Now on Most Fire Engines.

The original Knibbs valve was a hand affair, but when engines were made larger and more powerful it was found entirely inadequate. A man named Orr, who was once a fire chief in the New York fire department, improved upon the hand valve and now the city's 59 big engines are supplied with his automatic device, which shuts off the water whenever the pressure becomes too strong.

The Knibbs hand valve was, however, used for many years. It was first placed on an engine built in Troy and known as the "Arba Read." Later it was placed on an engine called the "Osgood." In 1864 Knibbs applied for a patent, which was granted to him and Marcus P. Norton, also of Troy.

This enormous claim has been the most serious litigation in which the city has ever been involved, and by today's judgment by the circuit court of appeals, which is final, the city is completely relieved both of the claim and the judgment, the court directing the dismissal of the bill of complaint with costs to be taxed in favor of the city. The magnitude of the case has been such that it is certain that the city will be entitled to a judgment of more than $25,000 for costs.

Ends Many Years Litigation.

The city's victory is most complete, and is the termination of more than 27 years of constant litigation. The record in the case comprises more than 20,000 printed pages, and the cost to the city of the taking of the appeal and the printing of that part of the record necessary for the appeal was more than $15,000. It is said that the total cost of the prosecution of this case against the city has been more than $400,000, about one-half of which has been put up by Joseph Richardson, known as "Spite House Richardson," and his estate, and the balance by a Boston syndicate and a New York syndicate of which Tom Murphy, President Grant's collector of the port of New York, was at the head, and the complaint has been represented throughout by most eminent counsel of world-wide reputation, including the late Gen. Benjamin F. Butler, ex-Attorney General Williams, George Bliss, Harvey P. Hadlock, and others of equal eminence, all of whom are dead.

The city was represented by John R. Bennett of 31 Nassau street, as the city's patent counsel, and the Hon. John J. Delaney, the present corporation counsel. The case was prepared and argued on the part of the city by Mr. Bennett, before the circuit court of appeals. The city's case was placed in Mr. Bennett's hands in 1895, after it had been pending for more than 16 years, and with a uniform line of adverse decisions against the city, and today's victory is all the more complete, as it is the first victory on the part of the city throughout the entire 27 years of litigation.

Able Attorney Handled City's Case.

In placing the case in Mr. Bennett's hands it was in full appreciation of the desperate character of the situation, and his selection was owing to his great experience as a specialist in conducting patent litigation of importance throughout the federal courts of the country. He is not only the general patent counsel of the city of New York, but of the United States Steel Corporation and all of its constituent companies; the United Gas Improvement Company, the Electric Storage Battery Company, and all of the patent interests of Widener, Whitney, Dolan and Ryan; the Pressed Steel Car Company, the Allis-Chalmers Company, the Chicago Pneumatic Tool Company, the Bethlehem Steel Company, and all of the interests represented by Charles M. Schwab, the Bullock Electric Manufacturing Company and numerous other large manufacturing interests.

Today's victory will be a great relief, both to the corporation counsel and the comptroller, who have been greatly exercised over the pendency of the enormous claim and judgment, and the greatest credit is due to the stand taken by the present corporation counsel, Mr. Delaney, for, following his entry into office, a most determined effort was made to force a settlement upon him for $1,000,000 and strong influence was brought to bear to that end. But Mr. Delaney resisted it all, relying upon the advice of Mr. Bennett that the city's defense was complete and would undoubtedly prevail in the circuit court of appeals. The course adopted by him was in line with that of his predecessors, commencing with the late William C. Whitney, who was corporation counsel at the time the suit was brought, followed by Judges Lacombe, Morgan J. O'Brien, Andrews, Beekman, Scott and the late William C. Clark, John Whalen and Mr. Rives.

Appeal Higher Scarcely Likely.

Today's decision by the circuit court of appeals is a finality as under the act of congress establishing the circuit court of appeals in 1891 that court was given final jurisdiction in patent litigation, with no right of appeal to the supreme court of the United States. The only hope of reaching the supreme court of the United States is upon an application for a writ of certiorari, the allowance of which is purely discretionary and very seldom exercised.

Judge Coxe, in his opinion, says:

"The invention, though simple and easily comprehended, was one of unusual merit and contributed largely to the success of the steam fire engine. The testimony shows that prior to the application of the Knibb's device to the engine, it was an effective and reliable machine. Afterward there was little difficulty in operating with a limited number of hose pipe without a waste of water or damage to the engine."

Invention is Widely Used.

This Knibbs relief valve at once went into extensive use, and within a few years after it was first applied to the Arba Read it was in universal use, and thereafter, and even down to the present day, it was found upon all steam fire engines. It is to this device, more than to any other device, invention or improvement, that the modern steam fire engine owes its success. Its value was appreciated by the Amoskeag Manufacturing Company, then the largest manufacturer of steam fire engines, and by it placed upon the engines manufactured by it. It was from this company that the city purchased the engines out of which this litigation grew. Knibbs became famous throughout the fire departments of the United States by reason of this invention, and, notwithstanding its extreme simplicity, it is remarkable that the invention has never been superceded.

The defense relied upon by the city, and accepted by the circuit court of appeals in its today's decision, is that of the invention having been in public use by Knibbs and others to whom he disclosed his invention for more than two years prior to his application for his patent, which is fatal, the law providing that an application for a patent must be filed within two years of the invention going into use. The court finds that Knibbs placed his invention upon the Arba Read for more than four years prior to applying for his patent, Knibbs claiming, however, that the use was experimental, which is overruled. The court also finds that with Knibbs' consent his invention was placed upon the steamer Osgood of the Troy fire department for more than two years prior to the application for his patent, and that it was placed upon the steam fire engine Phoenix of the fire department of the city of Hartford by the Amoskeag Manufacturing Company for more than two years prior to the application, and that such uses invalidated the patent.

Judge Coxe's opinion is of a most exhaustive character, covering about 40 closely typewritten pages.

One branch of the defense relied upon by the city was that of prior use in two of the frigates of the United States navy, and in attempting to sustain that defense the books of the navy department were produced, going back to the year 1850, and all the leading engineers of the navy examined.

PAINTINGS IN CARNEGIE GALLERIES (No. 15)

"Fete Day. Women of Plougastel-Daculas at the Pardon of Ste. Anne la Palud," by Charles Cottet.

Charles Cottet: the painter of sailor life in Brittany. Member of the Societe Nationale des Beaux-Arts, of the Secession, Vienna and Berlin. Represented in the Luxembourg, Paris, and in the museums of Lille, Ghent, Carlsruhe, Brussels, Bordeaux, Pedrone, Helsingfors, St. Etienne, Philadelphia and the Carnegie institute. Chevalier of the Legion of Honor; gold medal, Exposition universelle, Paris, 1900; gold medal, Dresden, 1901.

Born at Puy in 1863, Charles Cottet, after two years' study at the Ecole des Beaux Arts, became one of Puvis de Chavannes' pupils. He also studied under M. Roll, and in 1889 showd two pictures in the Salon des Champ-Elysees—"La Bonne Vieille" and "La Salle verte a Camaret." The outcome of all his labors is seen in the triptych, in the Luxembourg museum, Paris, one of the most notable works produced during the past decade, and which contains the essence of his work during the past nine years—all his work, in fact, to the present day.

The domain he has conquered is vast and rich, as everything in which is near akin to nature and to life. The Pays de la Mer, of which he became the moving and conscientious interpreter, this Breton coast whose tragic aspects and whose simpler phases he excels in protraying—these belong to him by right, for he has made them by his acuteness of vision and his honest powers of observation. He has discovered and placed in bold relief all there is of heroic grandeur in these types and these landscapes, and that with the simplicity proper to an artist of high race.

WILL SHARE IN $1,000,000 REFUND

Pittsburgh Steel Firms Are Largely Interested in a Tariff Decision.

END OF FAMOUS BLOOM CASE

THE PITTSBURGH GAZETTE BUREAU.
Herald Building, Herald Square.
NEW YORK, Dec. 15.

Pittsburgh steel men are largely interested in a decision against the United States involving the refund of duties representing upwards of $1,000,000 paid for the importation of steel in the form of blooms from about 1879 to 1882, which has been handed down by the court of claims at Washington.

The decision was in the case of the Cambria Iron Company against the United States, brought to test the validity of the ruling of the secretary of the treasury that, under the law of 1867, steel blooms were partially manufactured rails and should, therefore, be assessed at the rate of 45 per cent ad valorem, instead of 30 per cent, under the classification of "other forms of steel not enumerated."

The case, which has become celebrated in the steel trade, is one of a large number of the same class filed in the court under the provisions of an act passed at the last session of the Fifty-seventh congress, conferring on the court jurisdiction to hear and determine certain specified claims for refund of duties paid in excess of what was alleged to be the legal rate. The department of justice may take an appeal to the supreme court.

The list of claimants is as follows: The Edgar Thomson Steel Works, Limited; Carnegie Brothers & Co., Limited; J. F. Bailey & Co., H. E. Collins & Co., James Lee & Co., Downing, Sheldon & Co., R. F. Downing & Co., The Albany and Rensslaer Iron and Steel Company, the Joliet Steel Company, the Cleveland Rolling Mill Company, O. L. Garrison for the Vulcan Steel Company and the St. Louis Ore and Steel Company; the St. Albans Iron and Steel Company, Godfrey & Co., for the Albany and Rensslaer Iron and Steel Company; Oliver L. Garrison, A. E. Godfrey & Co., James Johnson, Clarke, Post & Martin, and Post, Martin & Co., for the Springfield Iron Company; Charles W. Matthews Henry C. Arbuckle, and Brown Brothers & Co., agents for Charles W. Matthews; E. Samuel & Co., Henry W. Oliver, Jr., A. B. Childs, for Henry W. Oliver, Jr.; Lewis, Oliver & Phillips, Schrader & Ellery, Peter Wright & Sons, agents for the Cambria Iron Company; the Diamond State Iron Company, the Interstate Improvement and Construction Company, the Baltimore & Ohio Railroad Company, agents for the last mentioned concern; Charles H. and Eugene Odell, agents for the Sandusky Rolling Mill and Manufacturing Company, and the Northern Pacific Railroad Company; Drexel, Morgan & Co., A. H. Barney, and Robert Garrett & Sons, agents for the Northern Pacific Railroad Company; the Edgemoor Iron Company and E. S. Wheeler & Co.

COMMITTEE VOTE FAVORS THE STATEHOOD BILL

Measure Is Amended to Prohibit Liquor Traffic in the Indian Territory.

[BY ASSOCIATED PRESS TO THE GAZETTE.]

WASHINGTON, Dec. 15.—The senate committee on territories by a vote of 6 to 4 today authorized a favorable report on the statehood bill providing for the admission into the union of Oklahoma and Indian territory to become the state of Oklahoma and of Arizona and New Mexico to become the state of Arizona. The closeness of the vote practically makes it certain that there will be a minority report.

The most important changes made in the house bill are the insertion of a clause prohibiting traffic in liquor for 10 years in that part of the proposed state of Oklahoma now known as Indian territory and the elimination from the house bill of all provisions with reference to suffrage except the folowing: "That said state shall never enact any law restricting or abridging the right of suffrage on account of race, color or previous condition of servitude."

The provision of the Oklahoma bill for the appropriation of $5,000,000 for the benefit of the common schools has been incorporated in the portion of the bill which admits New Mexico and Arizona as a state.

Gift to the Tuskegee School.

BOSTON, Dec. 15.—(Special.)—Booker T. Washington was notified tonight that Mrs. Francis C. Barlow will establish 12 scholarships of $1,000 each at Tuskegee Normal and Industrial school in memory of her brother, Col. Robert Gould Shaw, who commanded a negro regiment in the civil war.

Russian Squadron Starts Again.

JIBUTILL, FRENCH SOMALILAND, Dec. 15.—The vessels of the Russian second Pacific squadron which had been coaling here, sailed last night.

FEARED HIS LIFE WAS IN DANGER

So Averred Sister of Nan Patterson in Letter to Caesar Young.

HE CARRIED NO REVOLVER

[BY PRIVATE WIRE TO THE GAZETTE.]

NEW YORK, Dec. 15.—A great victory was scored by the state in the Nan Patterson trial today when the letter identified by Caesar Young's wife yesterday was admitted as evidence. This letter, the prosecution claims, shows Young's life was threatened by the girl.

Another telling point was scored against the defense when it was shown by Mrs. Young's testimony that Caesar Young not only had no revolver in his possession when he left his home on the morning he was killed, but that he never owned a revolver. This makes it almost impossible for the defense to show Young committed suicide.

Prosecutor Rand had tried hard to get this vital point before the jury. The defense had balked him at every turn. His chance came when Mrs. Young told how an expressman had come for their trunks at 4:45 a. m., June 4, a few hours before the shooting.

"I got up," she said, "and, having no change to pay the expressman, went to my husband's pockets. There was no revolver in his pockets."

Mrs. Young started to leave the stand, Juror Aaron Silverberg stopped her.

"Did your husband ever have a revolver?" he asked.

"He did not," was the reply.

John D. Millin, Young's partner, told of his desperate efforts to keep Nan Patterson away from Young. Three months before the shooting, he swore, he had paid Nan Patterson $800 to leave Young in California and come to New York. Despite this the girl joined Young on the first opportunity.

It was also shown Nan Patterson followed Young and his wife to the Sheepshead Bay race track on the day before the tragedy, that Young was not downcast over parting with the actress, and up to the day of his death had been cheerful and full of his plans for the future.

The letter written by Mrs. Julia Smith to Young was admitted only over the strong and bitter protest of the young woman's counsel. It was dated May 3, just a month before Caesar Young was shot. It read as follows:

New York, May 3, 1904.

My Dear Nunc—Can't you come up and see me at once. Nan has been with me since Monday, when she left. Mother, accompanied by my sister, who, fearing, in her perturbed condition, that Nan might do something serious either to you or herself, came to New York. I should very much like to get the whole thing straightened out, and understand what is what.

I understand what the matter is, and want you to do what is right at once. Either write to Nan, or see me at your earliest convenience. Nan is about frantic. Please see me first.

Under the existing circumstances I think the best thing to do would be to see me at once. If you do not, I cannot answer for the consequences. You know I love Nan better than anything on earth, and she loves you above and beyond everything.

JULE.

The final admission of this letter brought Mrs. Caesar Young again on the witness stand. She had no glances for the accused girl. Nan took one square look at Mrs. Young and again resorted to talking with her lawyer.

Mr. Rand said that with the calling of a few minor witnesses the prosecution would rest its case. It was said one of the "minor" witnesses is a mysterious man whose testimony is of great importance to the state.

After the session of the court, counsel for Nan Patterson conferred to decide whether to offer any evidence in her defense. Their decision is not expected until tomorrow.

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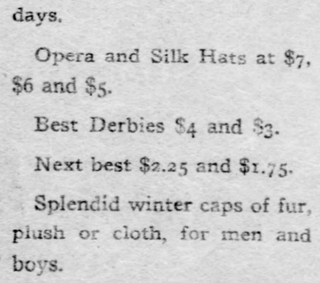

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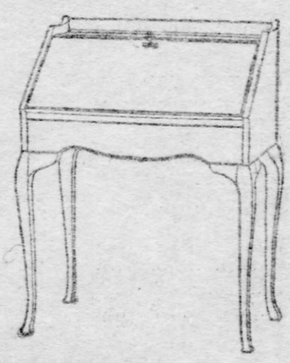
And the fact that every pattern is exclusive with this house lends additional interest for those who seek the unusual in the selection of gift articles.



This Lady's Desk $12

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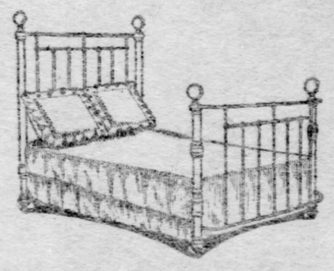
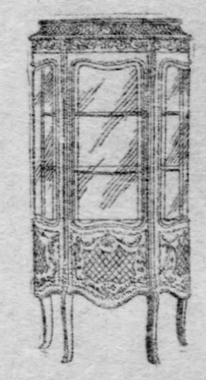


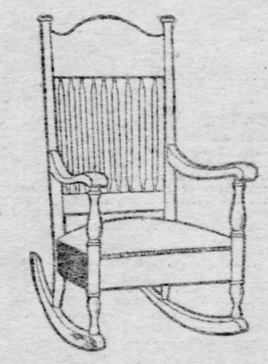
This Brass Bed $30

Certainly as practical a gift as could be conceived is the all brass bed pictured above. And aside from the fact that it possesses admirable sanitary features and is of very pleasing design, this is one of the pieces which particularly command the attention of those who look for value-for-price.



This Gold Cabinet $110

Not only is such a cabinet a thing of exquisite beauty in itself, being extremely ornate, but it is designed as a receptacle for those dainty little treasures which every family accumulates in course of time.

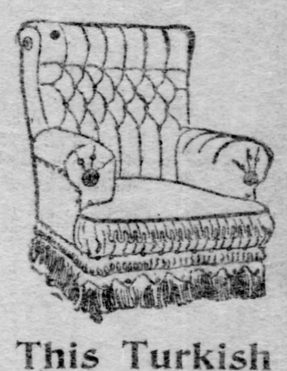


This Leather Seat Rocker $8.50

Very comfortable, durable and handsome, suitable for almost any room in the house where comfort is a first consideration. Oak or mahogany finish, luxuriously yielding leather seat. Would make a very appropriate gift.

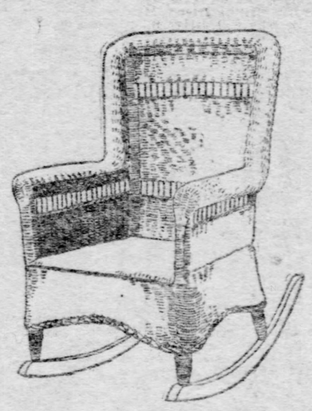
This Library Table $25

A pattern that pleases the discriminating. Made of golden oak or weathered oak, tastefully carved. Whether the recipient is literary or not such a table is desirable at all times because always useful.



This Turkish Leather Chair $40

The giver of this handsome Turkish leather chair would be gratefully remembered by the recipient not only on Christmas day, but every day of the year, for such chairs are a daily luxury in the home. Combining both comfort and elegance, such a gift as this is always welcome.



This Prairie Grass Rocker $14.50

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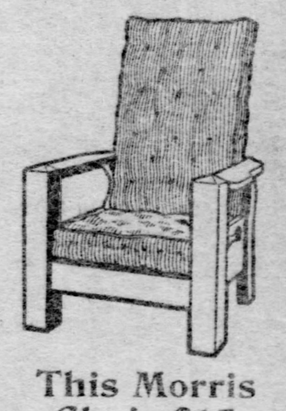
This Dressing Table $70

Its general contour, the pretty carving and high finish make it most effective and pleasing in appearance.

Solid mahogany, three feet three inches in width; the heavy plate glass mirror is 24x30 inches—a superb table.



This Morris Chair $15

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Third Prize	200.00	75	Prizes, $ 2.00 each		150.00
Fourth Prize	100.00	100	Prizes, $ 1.00 each		100.00
2 Prizes, $50.00 each	100.00				
4 Prizes, $25.00 each	100.00	225	Prizes, aggregating		$1,800.00

READ CAREFULLY THE CONDITIONS OF THE CONTEST.

The conditions governing this contest follow: No answer which does not exactly conform to them will be considered.

All answers must be upon GAZETTE blanks, which will be printed with each Proverb Picture. Only one answer will be allowed on each blank.

ANSWERS MUST NOT BE SENT IN UNTIL THE CLOSE OF THE CONTEST. But all answers must be in The Gazette office within six days after the last Proverb Picture is printed.

The blank forms will be numbered and answers must be neatly arranged in numerical order by the contestants. At the close of the contest answers should be sent by mail, postpaid, addressed to Manager Proverb Contest, THE GAZETTE, PITTSBURGH, PA., or they may be left in sealed envelopes at our Business Office, Wood street and Oliver Avenue, addressed as above.

Do not send the pictures. SEND ONLY THE ANSWER BLANK. The blanks may be filled out in any legible way.

Contestants may send in as many sets of answers as they please, but each set must be in a different envelope. Each set will be treated separately, BUT NO CONTESTANT WILL BE AWARDED MORE THAN ONE PRIZE. Contestants may send in duplicate answers to the same Proverb Problem, but they must be on separate blanks; that is, they may fill out two or more No. 1s or 2s, etc. These duplicates must be kept together in making up the sets of answers.

Contestants may secure assistance from any source. Everybody is eligible except employes of The Pittsburgh Gazette.

The manager of the Proverb Contest distinctly reserves the right to make any change in or addition to these conditions that he may deem necessary for properly conducting the contest.

The proverb selected for this contest are those in common use and will not be hard to solve, but be careful to get the correct wording and punctuation, and see that each word is spelled correctly. You will find this contest an education for old and young. Enter it at once

DONATION DAY WAS CHEERFUL

Allegheny General Hospital a Bower on Occasion of Its Formal Opening.

HUNDREDS MADE INSPECTION

The spirit of Christmas seemed to pervade the spacious halls and sick wards of the Allegheny General hospital yesterday. It was the annual donation day and incidentally the occasion of the formal opening of the institution. The weather was of the kind that is expected at the holiday season and throughout the big building pretty decorations of Christmas greens had been hung. Besides this, in the big reception hall, in the main hallways and, indeed, in every part of the building that was open for inspection, great quantities of palms, giant ferns and cut flowers added to the cheerful appearance of the place.

Mrs. Harry Darlington and Mrs. Alexander Laughlin, Jr., helped wonderfully in carrying out the arrangements for the day. Each contributed flowers for the wards and private rooms, and alone Mrs. Darlington furnished a pretty bouquet for each of the 160 charity patients. The flowers were placed on small tables at the head of each bed and the pleasure it gave to the suffering patients was expressed on their countenances. Mrs. Laughlin delighted the nurses by handsomely furnishing their reception room on the second floor. On each of the window sills in the children's surgical ward Mrs. Darlington had placed boxed plants and furnished each child with a bouquet.

The hospital doors were thrown open at 2 o'clock in the afternoon and from that time until 10 o'clock last night a constant stream of visitors passed in and out. The donation box was placed in the reception hall on the second floor with the hospital register, and was generously patronized. Supt. Bechtel estimates the number of visitors at about 2,000 and expressed himself as being much pleased with the events of the day.

The new building was completed last June and has been occupied since. Its cost was close to $900,000. Two floors of the building have not yet been occupied and will not be until next spring. The entire interior has to be painted and on this contract $15,000 is to be spent. The building has a capacity of 375 patients and at present almost 200 are receiving treatment.

BISPHAM WILL SING.

Famous Basso the Soloist at This Week's Orchestra Concerts.

The sixth in the series of Pittsburgh orchestra concerts this season under the direction of Emil Paur will be given this evening and tomorrow afternoon with the assistance of David Bispham, bass. The program is a superb one in every respect, its notable feature being the F minor symphony by Richard Strauss, never heard before in Pittsburgh. The symphony in rehearsal this week has commanded the enthusiasm of Mr. Paur and the players and a great performance is assured. Another novelty on the program is a suite by Tschaikowsky, made up of four Mozart selections, in addition the orchestra plays overtures by Gluck and Wagner.

David Bispham has not sung with the orchestra in several years. No more intelligent artist comes to Pittsburgh than David Bispham, and the seriousness with which he pursues his profession and his increasing hold on the public is sure to be emphasized by his interpretation of the splendid selections he has chosen for these concerts.

NO ART TALKS THIS YEAR.

Director Beatty Compelled to Call Off the Annual Discussions.

Owing to a pressure of other duties, consequent upon selecting exhibits for the new art rooms, Director J. W. Beatty has been compelled to call off the talks to advanced art students of Pittsburgh for this year. In a letter to Mrs. M. E. Van Wagonen, supervisor of drawing in the city schools, he has arranged to meet the Teachers' Art club tomorrow morning at 10 o'clock and talk upon the art exhibits.

The annual art exhibit of the pupils of Pittsburgh academy will be held at 3 o'clock this afternoon in the academy art room. The students have devoted much of their attention during the fall term to Christmas ideas and a large number of handsome pieces of work will be shown. Among other specimens of their handiwork will be a number of books, written, illustrated and bound by the students. In addition to these are cushions, water-color sketches, photograph frames and hundreds of other ideas in Christmas presents.

MARRIAGE LICENSES.

The following marriage licenses were issued yesterday:

Andrew Zimmerman	Allegheny
Emma Tautenbach	Sewickley
Charles Cavanaugh	Pittsburgh
Anna M. Walters	Pittsburgh
Jacob Hoyer	Brackenridge
Lilly Dietrich	Natrona
Frederick Maisel	Pittsburgh
Katie Kraus	Pittsburgh
Maurice J. Crockett	Allegheny
Agnes B. Orr	Allegheny
Jesse C. Henderson	Sistersville, W. Va.
Ethel A. Tombs	Pittsburgh
Jay D. Bailey	Shousetown
Teresa Eberle	Shousetown
Alexis F. Walsh	Crafton
Nina M. Joyce	Carnegie
Harry Rosenberg	Pittsburgh
Fanny Tounsky	Pittsburgh
Orton King	Clinton
Olive Pascoe	New Kensington
Jesse Johnson	Homestead
Esther Pace	Homerville
Arthur R. Lysinger	Pittsburgh
Anna Mirgold	Allegheny
Albert Eszenyi	Homestead
Maria Yager	Homestead
Oscar Flahert	Allegheny
Marie Milk	Allegheny
Jacob Fouley	Dravosburg
Mary Abels	Dravosburg
Daniel Christopher	Dravosburg
Elsie Heidenfelder	McKeesport
Louis Brown	Pittsburgh
Margaret J. Rees	Bower Hill
Richard Yank	Pittsburgh
Annie M. Ries	Pittsburgh
Charles Friedberg	Pittsburgh
Rosie Rosenbloom	Pittsburgh
John F. Clohersy	Braddock
Cecelia Powers	Braddock

NEW OFFICERS ARE ELECTED BY VETERAN ASSOCIATION

John W. Morcland has been elected president of the One Hundred and Second Pennsylvania Veteran's Volunteer association. He succeeds Samuel Duvall, who died recently. Capt. Duvall had held the office for 24 years. Harry T. Rowley, chief clerk to the county commissioner, is the new secretary of the association.

CONSUMPTION

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REFORMERS HELD ANNUAL SESSION

National Organization Discussed Universal Peace and Good Government.

HELD ELECTION OF OFFICERS

The annual meeting of the National Reform association opened yesterday afternoon in the Sunday school rooms of the Third United Presbyterian church, Diamond street. Owing to the late arrival of President S. F. Scovel, D. D., president of Wooster (O.) university, the pastor of the church, the Rev. Dr. J. T. McCrory, opened the meeting.

After hearing the reports of officers a general discussion of municipal, state and national reforms followed. The Rev. Dr. T. P. Stevenson of Philadelphia, general secretary, reported that the association had filed a remonstrance with the senate committee against the seating of a Mormon apostle and that the senatorial committee conducting the investigation had promised the association representatives another hearing. Dr. Stevenson delivered an address on "The Outlook for National Reform," and stated that the general current of public feeling is away from the principles of the association. He questioned, whether or not it is the dominant purpose of the American people to keep God's commandments and spoke on the divorce, liquor and Sabbath laws.

Result of the Election.

The annual election was then held resulting in naming the following officers:

President, the Rev. Dr. S. F. Scovel; vice presidents, Judge Rose, former supreme justice of Vermont; His Excellency Charles J. Bell, governor of Vermont; the Hon. Walter S. Ringer, superintendent of education, Vermont; Elisha Mayo, Esq., St. Johnsbury, Vt.; the Rev. Dr. A. H. Plumb, Roxbury, Mass.; the Rev. Dr. Francis E. Clark, Boston, Mass.; the Rev. Dr. A. C. Dixson, Boston, Mass.; the Rev. Dr. H. C. McCook, Philadelphia; Prof. William M. Sloane, Ph. D., Columbia university, New York; Bishop W. C. Doane, D. D., Albany, N. Y.; Mrs. Darwin R. James, New York; the Rev. Dr. John T. McFarland, New York; Bishop C. W. Whitaker, D. D., Philadelphia; the Rev. Dr. David Steel, Philadelphia; the Rev. Dr. James I. Good, Philadelphia; the Rev. Dr. A. Rittenhouse, Philadelphia; Mrs. Chambers, president of the Pennsylvania W. C. T. U.; the Rev. Dr. James A. Worden, Philadelphia; the Rev. Dr. F. W. Tompkins, Holy Trinity church, Philadelphia; Mrs. Ella M. Boole, corresponding secretary W. C. T. U., New York; the Rev. Francis L. Patton, D. D., LL. D., Princeton university; the Rev. Dr. Addison E. Henry, Philadelphia; Joel Cadbury, Society of Friends, Philadelphia; the Rev. Dr. Grier, United Presbyterian seminary, Allegheny; the Rev. Dr. John McNaugher, Allegheny; the Rev. Dr. David Gregg, Western Theological seminary, Allegheny; the Hon. R. W. Taylor, Columbiana, O.; Dr. W. P. Johnston, president Geneva college; Dr. Charles W. Dabney, Cincinnati university; the Rev. Dr. John Kilgo, Durham, N. C.; Mrs. Dunham, president Iowa W. C. T. U.; the Rev. Dr. W. C. Williamson, Burlington, Ia.; the Rev. Cato A. Kaye, Oskaloosa, Ia.; Judge T. F. Garver, Topeka, Kas.; the Rev. Dr. W. C. Huntington, Wesleyan university, Nebraska; Bishop H. W. Warren, D. D., University Park, Col.; the Rev. Dr. R. F. Coyle, Denver, Col.; the Rev. Dr. F. M. Spencer, president Cooper Memorial college, Sterling, Kas.; the Rev. Dr. J. Knox Montgomery, New Concord, O.; Prof. H. Johnson, D. D., McCormick Theological seminary, Chicago; Mrs. Clara Hoffman, president Missouri W. C. T. U.; John B. Garrett, Society of Friends, Philadelphia.

Other Officers Selected.

The Rev. Dr. R. C. Wylie, Winkinsburg, treasurer; the Rev. Dr. T. P. Stevenson of Philadelphia, corresponding secretary; executive committee (all re-elected), the Rev. Drs. John A. Henderson, chairman; William Wishart, J. W. Smiley, W. J. McConkey, D. C. Martin, David McAllister, R. C. Wylie, J. S. T. Milligan, John M. Atchison, L. H. George, J. T. McCrory, Samuel Collins, John McNaugher, D. S. Littell, John H. Prugh, T. R. Anderson, J. K. McClurkin, S. F. Scovel, the Revs. J. S. Martin, W. I. Wishart, W. H. Leslie, R. H. Martin, R. W. Kidd, J. S. Thompson, J. R. Miller, J. R. Wylie, F. M. Willson, Messrs. John D. Gill, D. Cameron, James Scott, R. M. Downey, John A. Dodds, James McAteer, A. B. Copeland, Mrs. H. H. George and the general secretary, T. P. Stevenson, D. D., of Philadelphia.

The Rev. Dr. David McAllister of Pittsburgh spoke on the onward trend through triumph of Christian principles. A resolution was offered and adopted that the association appeal to Senator A. J. Beveridge of the committee on territories asking that the prohibition of liquor selling to Indians be included in the Indian Territory-Oklahoma statehood bill.

Observance of Peace Sunday.

Resolutions were passed calling for a general observance of Peace Sunday on December 18. President Scovel followed with an address on "Godless Democracy." He quoted De Tocqueville that a government, to stand, must be theocratic when democratic.

The evening session convened at 7:30 o'clock with the Rev. Dr. J. M. Thoburn of Allegheny presiding. Dr. Scovel spoke on "National Reform and Universal Peace." He dwelt upon the moral principles necessary to a political society and referred to the oppressed and depressed condition of the people of Europe. He held that democracy could not advance without morality and urged honesty in the administration of national and state affairs.

Dr. Thoburn declared that ministers would be discouraged in what they saw were it not for their faith in God. Dr. David McAllister closed the session with an address on "What Young People's Societies Can Do for the Imperiled Lord's Day."

The meeting adjourned with the announcement that the place for the next annual meeting would be fixed by the executive committee.

HAD A BUSY DAY.

Detectives Eagan and Cole Round Up Three Alleged Offenders, All Suspected of Theft.

Detectives Eagan and Cole yesterday arrested H. M. Morgan, who confessed to having been implicated in the robbery of Mrs. Clara Davis' house in Homestead two months ago. Morgan was a partner of William "Shacklefoot" Williams, a negro, who was sentenced two years and nine months in the penitentiary this week for the same robbery.

As the officers were leaving the police station they received a call from Constable Frank Bell to look out for two gypsy women who had stolen some clothing from a house in Homestead. The officers went to Second avenue and Grant street and arrested Handies and Maggie Rane, sisters, as they were getting off the street car.

In the afternoon they arrested John Stine and Frank Scrapnis, 14 years old, who were trying to sell a watch in a second-hand store in Grant street. The boys are paroles from Morganza.

CHICAGO'S "TALL TERROR" IN CLUTCH OF POLICE

CHICAGO, Dec. 15.—John Orme, daring highwayman, known as the "tall man" in the combination which terrorized Chicago in 1890, is under arrest, identified by the police as one of the two highwaymen who entered the Peoria National bank at Peoria and at the point of revolvers forced the teller to give them currency amounting to $2,000.

PRINCE FUSHIMI VISITS CHICAGO UNIVERSITY

CHICAGO, Dec. 15.—Prince Fushimi of Japan, with Alderman Honore Palmer visited the University of Chicago today. The Japanese students at the University served as a reception committee for the prince. Tonight he was the guest of honor at a dinner at the Chicago club.

Arrivals at Pittsburgh Hotels.

Henry—H. Kohler, Cambridge Springs; J. S. Cooper, Parker; J. W. Phillips, Wheeling; John M. Waddell, Greenfield.

Duquesne—E. T. McClelland, New Castle.

Griswold—W. J. Wilson, Marietta, O.; N. Hanna, Steelton; George King, Wheeling; G. W. Church, Waynesburg.

Monongahela House—W. K. Hoffman, Morgantown; A. J. Bennett, Cambridge; C. W. Greer, Monessen.

Colonial—W. Taylor, Orrville; J. F. Jack, Sasi Brady; T. J. Anderson, Tarentum; J. Flynn, Reynoldsville; L. H. Lloyd, Fairmont.

Seventh Avenue—S. W. Davis, Ebensburg; C. H. Day, Clarksburg; John Vogle, Altoona; W. E. Robinson, Parker.

Fine Church Destroyed.

MINNEAPOLIS, MINN., Dec. 15.—The Holy Rosary church, one of the finest Catholic structures in the northwest, burned today. Loss $60,000.

SOCIETY

ANOTHER of Pittsburgh's handsome homes, that of Mr. and Mrs. William Bacon Schiller, received its formal house-warming yesterday during the reception which Mrs. Schiller gave from 4 until 6 o'clock. The hostess received alone, assisted by a number of her friends, who, although they had already inspected the home, made a tour of the rooms, each dainty in its special floral decoration. The house stands on the hill overlooking Forbes avenue near Bihler street. It is a handsome structure of light brick and carved woodwork. The drawing room is rather unusual in that it is all of white, both walls and ceiling. Pink roses gave a pretty note of color to the apartment. The hall, with its wide arches, was decorated with quantities of smilax, holly wreaths and tropical plants. The dining room directly at the rear of the hall is a beautiful apartment finished in mahogany with oriental walls. In striking contrast to the colors of the room were the yellow roses and orchids used in the centerpiece. The candles were shaded in yellow and bunches of flowers were placed on the large buffet. The mantel was banked and the fireplace hidden by masses of ferns and growing plants. One of the most artistic apartments in the house is the billiard room of walnut, which yesterday was brightened with red Christmas bells, holly wreaths and clusters of crimson carnations. The white breakfast room was dainty in its floral dress of yellow roses and ferns, while in the library groups of maidenhair fern and clusters of Liberty roses made a pleasing appearance. The walls are lined with oak book cases, carved in a manner similar to the woodwork in the hall. Flowers harmonizing with the predominant colors were used in each room on the second floor.

Engagement and January Wedding.

The engagement of Miss Sue Elizabeth Dixon of Sherman avenue, Allegheny, and William H. Totten of the East End has been made public, the engagement to be followed by a large morning wedding on January 18. Invitations for the wedding will be issued early in the new year by Mr. and Mrs. Henry Mackin, uncle and aunt of the bride. The nuptials will be solemnized with high nuptial mass in St. Peter's Roman Catholic church in Sherman avenue, the Rev. Father O'Connell, assisted by several other priests, officiating. Ten o'clock is the hour set for the wedding. Miss Dixon is a daughter of Miss Iata Christopher Dixon, well known in business circles of the two cities, and is a graduate of St. Xavier's academy. Mr. Totten, who is a son of Mr. and Mrs. Frank J. Totten of Atlantic avenue, is treasurer of the Nixon theater.

For Returned Travelers.

Mrs. James Rodgers McCreery and her sister-in-law, Miss Emily McCreery, entertained with a large reception yesterday afternoon at their home in Murray Hill avenue, from 3 until 6 o'clock. The honors were shared by Mrs. William B. McCreery and Miss McCreery, who have just returned from abroad. The assistants included Mrs. George Pearson, Mrs. William A. Dunlap, Mrs. William L. Rodgers, Mrs. R. P. Nevin, Jr., Miss Elizabeth McCreery, Mrs. Thomas Turnbull, Jr., Miss Sarah H. Scott, Miss Elizabeth Rodgers, Mrs. William B. Rodgers, Mrs. Allen S. Maxwell, Mrs. Frederick Henry Wick of Youngstown, Mrs. William W. Jones and Mrs. Samuel A. McClung. The two guests of honor will remain in the city until after Christmas, when they expect to go east for a time.

Interesting Engagement Announced.

Formal announcement is made of the engagement of Miss Mercedes D. Vilsack, second daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Leopold Vilsack of Center and Liberty avenues, and Robert S. Meloney, also of this city. The engagement has been known for some time among the friends of the two young people, but until now has never been formally made public. Miss Vilsack is a graduate of St. Xavier's academy in Beatty, and her fiance is a son of Mr. and Mrs. M. S. Maloney of Forbes and Denniston avenues, Squirrel Hill. He is a Fordham man, and is connected with the Running Cork factory in Oakdale. The wedding will take place during February in St. John's Roman Catholic church, Liberty avenue.

Some New Dates.

Mr. and Mrs. J. Dawson Callery of Ellsworth avenue have issued invitations for a large reception on the afternoon of Monday, January 2, to meet their cousins, Congressman and Mrs. Holt Gaines of Washington, D. C. The hours are from 4 until 6 o'clock.

Mrs. S. Jarvis Adams will give an evening card party on Tuesday, January 3, in honor of her niece, Miss Janette Browne of this city, and her grand-daughter, Miss Emma Virginia Garner of Denver, Col., who will then be her guest.

Miss Alice Sellers Guthrie of Howe street has invitations out for a small and informal 4 o'clock tea on Tuesday. The guest of honor is her visiting friend, Miss Bedell of New York city, who will arrive in the city tomorrow.

For Senator Knox's Daughter.

One of the most delightful and charming affairs of the season was the reception given by Mrs. Edward Hanna Small yesterday afternoon to meet her sister-in-law, Mrs. James Robert Tindle, who was formerly Miss Rebekah Page Knox. Mrs. Small, her guest of honor, and Miss Alice Wood Tindle received together, assisted by Miss Mary Louise Jackson, Mrs. Frank Semple Bissell, Mrs. Samuel Ayres, Mrs. Harton Singer, Mrs. Karl Easterling, Mrs. Ralph Albree, Mrs. Chester D. Albree, Mrs. Thorsten E. Billquist, Mrs. William Gregg Doolittle, Mrs. Frank Smith, Miss Althea Mohler of New York, Miss Mary Maxwell, Miss Marjorie Maxwell, Miss Hannah Maxwell, Miss Sophie Maxwell, Miss Haworth, Miss Alice Haworth, Miss Elizabeth Friend, Miss Rebekah Friend, Miss Margaret Forsythe and Miss Willa Forsythe. The decorations, although somewhat simple, were exquisite. The oak table was uncovered save for the lace doilies upon which stood the centerpiece and Mrs. Small's two handsome old silver tea services.

A Beaver Wedding.

Cards were issued yesterday for the marriage of Miss Sara Sloan, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William Sloan of Beaver Falls, and Lawrence H. Wilson of Beaver, to take place on December 28. Miss Sloan is soprano in the First Presbyterian church of Beaver Falls and a student of Geneva college as well as of the Beaver Conservatory of Music. She is also a member of the Goinod club. Mr. Wilson is foreman of the signal corps of the Pittsburgh & Lake Erie railroad, and is a member of one of the most prominent families of Beaver. The wedding will be a Christmas one in all its appointments, and will be only attended by the relatives and the very near friends of the young people.

Willetts-McKibben.

Miss Harriet H. Willetts and James F. McKibben were married yesterday afternoon at the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Willetts, in South Eighteenth street, this city. The ceremony was performed at 3 o'clock by the Rev. R. E. Elliott, pastor of the Ninth United Presbyterian church, South Side. There were no attendants and the guests included only relatives and intimate friends. A luncheon followed the ceremony, and early in the evening Mr. McKibben and his bride left for an eastern tour, at the conclusion of which they will be at home in Sidney street, South Side.

The Boggs-McBride Engagement.

Miss Mary Davidson of North avenue, Allegheny, gave a luncheon yesterday to announce the engagement of Miss Emma Buhl Boggs, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Russell H. Boggs, and James McBride, formerly of Troy, N. Y., but now of this city. Covers were laid for Miss Boggs, Miss Adeline Spencer, Miss Anica Humbert, Miss Emily Lyon, Miss Helen Thompson, Miss Sarah McKnight, Miss Alice Pennock, Miss Edith Hay, Miss Jane Blair, Miss Catherine Darsie, Miss Ruth Wilson and the hostess.

Three in the Receiving Party.

Miss Agnes Crumn and Miss Laura Crump received with Mrs. William H. Crump at the tea she gave yesterday afternoon at her home in Pacific avenue, East End. Among the assistants were Mrs. J. B. Neel, Mrs. W. M. Taylor, Mrs. T. M. Biddle, Mrs. W. G. Slack, Mrs. J. B. Elsaman and Mrs. L. A. Blackburn. A dinner was given in the evening for the assistants and an equal number of men.

Bazar for a Hospital.

The entertainment and bazar being held at the South Side Odd Fellows' hall, Sarah and South Eighteenth streets, by the Ladies' Aid society of the South Side hospital, was well patronized last night. Besides the regular musical program T. P. Pasquale, the lyzelephone expert showing at one of the local theaters, was a special attraction. The bazar will close tonight, and a record-breaking attendance is expected.

Entertained Afternoon and Evening.

Mrs. John A. Scott of Stanton avenue gave a fancy work party yesterday afternoon in honor of Mrs. Charles Gibbs and Mrs. Almer Hamilton Orr, both recent brides. Prizes for a guessing contest were awarded to Miss Mary Griffiths, Miss Sadie Methkirk and Mrs. George McKnight. In the evening Mr. and Mrs. Scott entertained with a card party of 14 tables, also in honor of the two brides.

Unique Affair in Allegheny.

Quite a novel affair was a Japanese dinner dance given in the Concordia club last evening by Miss Gertrude Solomon and Miss Edith Solomon of Beech avenue, Allegheny. The ladies appeared in Japanese costumes and the decorations in the ball room and dining room were in keeping with the character of the affair.

Herrott—Williams.

SHARON, PA., Dec. 15.—(Special.)—The marriage of Miss Alice Herrot, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Byron Herrott, to Kirby Williams, took place at the home of the bride's parents this evening. The Rev. J. B. Rendall, Jr., of the First Presbyterian church officiated. The bride was attended by Miss Nell Williams, sister of the groom. Robert Kirby of Urbana, O., was best man.

Gave Large Euchre.

Mrs. John Richards Brown of Stratford avenue was hostess at a large euchre yesterday afternoon at her home. Twelve tables were in use, the prizes going to Mrs. John Garland, Mrs. Homer, Mrs. E. A. Nieman, Miss Little, Mrs. J. A. G. House, Mrs. James Marshall, Mrs. Grace Lowry and Mrs. Myers Busch Cain.

Notes of Society.

Mr. and Mrs. B. Glueck of Homestead announce the engagement of their daughter, Miss Laura Glueck, to Dr. Maurice H. Moss of Homestead. At home Sunday, December 25.

Mrs. John Wilson Way, formerly Miss Mabel Stewart of Lexington, Ky., was the honor guest at a handsome reception given yesterday from 2 to 6 o'clock by Mrs. John Jones and her daughter, Mrs. William Addison Way of Quaker Valley. The guests were received in the large drawing room by the hostesses and their honor guest. Others assisted informally.

Christmas Club Meeting.

The Woman's club will hold an unusually interesting session next Tuesday afternoon. There will be a Christmas tree bearing small souvenir gifts for each club member and Christmas carols will be sung by a chorus of children trained by Mrs. Edwin Miller. Miss Caroline Blumberg will dispense the gifts and, aided by the members of the social committee, will later serve tea. A short time will be devoted to Christmas story telling, led by Mrs. Jane A. Hall, who will be followed by Mrs. W. J. Gleim, Mrs. W. C. Butterfield, Mrs. Annie E. Smith, Mrs. Charles W. Gerwig and Miss Dallas Albert.

Notes of Clubs.

A meeting of the permanent civic committee of women's clubs will be held on Saturday morning at 10 o'clock in the Methodist book rooms.

The members of the New Era club will hold their semi-annual reception at the home of Miss Sarah Sweeny, in Craig street, on Wednesday, December 28. There will be an afternoon tea and social with a musical program.

The South Side Hospital Graduate Nurses' association of the state of Pennsylvania will meet tomorrow morning at the Academy of Medicine for the purpose of adopting the bill of registration to be presented to the legislature in January. Only those with membership cards will be admitted.

James Young of Viola Allen's company will lecture this afternoon on "The Defense of Shylock" at the Hotel Schenley, under the auspices of the Pittsburgh Soroses. Aside from the lecture an attractive musical and literary program has been prepared. The proceeds will be devoted to civic work.

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Dr. Pierce, the specialist in women's diseases, of Buffalo, N. Y., advises simple exercises for women, preferably in the outdoor air. But many women are confined to the house and their household duties or their business confines them to poorly ventilated rooms.

If a woman suffers from a headache, a backache, a sensation of irritability or twitching and uncontrollable nervousness, something must be wrong with the head or back, she naturally says, but all the time the real trouble very often centers in the womanly organs. In 98 per cent. of cases the seat of the difficulty is here, and a woman should take rational treatment for its cure. The local disorder and inflammation of the delicate special organs of the sex should be treated steadily and systematically.

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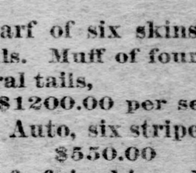

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Bouillon Spoons	$5.00	" "
Orange Spoons	$3.75	" "
Egg Spoons	$3.75	" "
Individual Salad Forks	$6.00	" "
" Butter Spreads	$5.00	" "
Children's Sets	$1.25	per set

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LIBERTY AVENUE LOT PURCHASED

J. H. Goehring Secured No. 643 for $110,000, or $5,500 a Front Foot.

GOOD RESIDENCE SALES

Jacob H. Goehring has bought through Sidney H. Totten the property at 643 Liberty avenue, formerly owned by Alexander H. Wilson of Allegheny, for $110,000. This is the first deal in this immediate neighborhood for some time and the property is considered a bargain at the price paid. It has a frontage of 20 feet on the north side of the avenue, 40 feet from Seventh street, and a depth of 83 feet to an alley. The building is an old three-story brick structure now occupied by the commission firm of Charles P. Johnston & Co. The purchase names at the rate of $5,500 a front foot or $62.50 a square foot.

The lot sold adjoins the E. H. Myers holdings at the corner of Seventh street, which measures 40x88 feet. This corner, like most of the other desirable lots in Liberty avenue, is pretty sure to be improved in a few years with a modern block, and when this happens the Wilson lot will be logically a part of the site needed, so that its prospective value is enhanced considerably on this account. Leaving this fact out of the question the lot is cheap compared with others in that part of the avenue, as not a property in that square can be bought today for less than $6,500 a front foot.

Good Houses Change Owners.

Capt. George W. McCallum has sold through the Kelly-Wood Real Estate Company the property at 5501 Stanton avenue, Nineteenth ward, for $11,500. The property formerly belonged to the Pittsburgh Insurance Company, and was bought by Miss Nancy Snodgrass. It consists of a modern reception hall brick house on 40x135 feet, and was bought for a home.

Through the office of Joseph P. Rankin & Co. the residence of W. E. Patton at Sewickley has been sold to Mrs. Harlan F. Baker of Crafton who will occupy the property in a short time as a home. The lot is 80x170 feet facing on the north side of Beaver street, near the United Presbyterian church, and the residence is a 12-room frame house with modern improvements. The consideration is understood to have been in the neighborhood of $10,000.

The final papers have been passed in the sale by Morris Kaufmann to Frederick G. Sieren of 80x285 feet on the south side of Forbes street, Twenty-second ward, the consideration being $25,000. Mr. Kaufmann tendered the property recently in part payment for downtown holdings.

Avey & Irish have leased for J. J. Seider to F. Englert the second floor of the building at 627 Fountain street, measuring 80x70 feet for a printing and lithographing establishment. The lease is for three years at $700 a year and the lessee has the privilege of five years more at the prevailing rate. The same firm has a number of other downtown leases signed. The firm is making a specialty of downtown property and is getting a very satisfactory list of properties for sale and for rent.

W. L. Scott & Co. leased for Frank McCann to L. C. Siegel the building at 210 Federal street, Allegheny, for a term of years. The building will be occupied as a hotel.

Sales Made by Brokers.

Negley avenue: S. H. Lloyd sold for Charles M. Johnston to a local attorney 326 North Negley avenue, near Black street, Nineteenth ward, a frame house on 30x105 feet, for $8,600.

Inwood street: The Commonwealth Real Estate Company sold for M. Jamison of Rochester, Pa., to Charles E. Stone, a frame house on 30x155 feet, at 830 Inwood street, for $2,600.

Stowe township: The Aronson Realty Company sold for Albert and Emelie Cheerek to Attorney H. M. Aronson a brick house with 120x150 feet in Davis street, Stowe township, for $5,000.

Blackadore avenue: The Brushton Real Estate Company sold for Daniel M. Wolfe to Sarah Woodside an improved lot, 20x150 feet, on the west side of Blackadore avenue, Thirty-seventh ward, for $2,500.

Erin street: Solomon Golden sold to Rosa Rosenstein an improved lot, 24x115 feet, on the east side of Erin street, Eleventh ward, for $7,400.

Broad street: William C. Anderson sold to Olive Love an improved lot, 24x160 feet, on the northeast side of Broad street, Nineteenth ward, for $5,000.

Gregory street: Jacob Hauck estate sold to Jacob Fauber 20x86 feet, on the south side of Gregory street, Twenty-seventh ward, for $1,675.

Woodville street: Bertha Ingmeier sold to Daniel Jenkins, Jr., 30x182 feet, in Woodville street, Thirty-second ward, for $1,400.

The Aronson-Friedman Company has delivered the deed for the F. G. Sieren property, 1231-3 Penn avenue, to Morris Kaufmann, the price paid being $50,000, and delivered property 6072 Forbes street, 80x200, to F. G. Sieren. Price paid was $25,000.

Henry W. Armstrong sold for Wilhelmina Stehle to John Anderson, 47x110 feet on the north side of Pittsburgh avenue, Emsworth borough, for $500.

Building permits were granted yesterday to Clarence B. Watkins, two two-story brick apartment houses, Mellwood street, Thirteenth ward, $18,000; Mrs. G. A. Chalfant, brick dwelling, Castleman street, Twentieth ward, $22,000; Mrs. Esther Knowlson, two three-story brick dwellings, Locust street, Sixth ward, $8,000; E. G. Rose, two-story veneered dwelling, Bellevue street, Twenty-third ward, $2,500; G. A. O'Bryan, brick and steel shop, Scott place, $3,000.

Transfers Recorded.

East End Mantel & Tile Co to W L Hardy, Dec 8, 20th wd, Pgn, 80x156. Center ave $42,000

Giles Bessie to Louisa Grey, Dec 5, 8th wd, Pgn, 20x105, Carnegie st.... 2,600

Schultz Chas to Christ Meyer, Dec 14, Shaler twp, 65x270, Stewarts road.... 2,400

Hamma H to Emma S Pace, Nov 5, Chartiers twp, 66x132, Idlewild ave.. 2,300

Partman & Fab J Kiszka, Nov 5, Scott twp, 30x85, Wash ave..... 1,300

Same to G Kiszka, Nov 5, Scott twp, 30x85, Wash ave..... 1,300

Reed J E to W Houston, Dec 8, 19th wd, Pgn, 124x160, Fairmont ave.. 5,500

Cunningham J J to May E Wood, Nov 18, 21st wd, Pgh, 20x93, Race st..... 6,000

Andrews D H to J C McCaughan, Oct 31, Upper St Clair twp, 25 acres.... 5,882

Hibbert G to Patrick Devlin, Nov 9, N Fayette twp, 4 lots, Burns plan.... 1,050

Demasters C H & W D Bemel, Dec 6, Shaler twp, 25x100, Third ave..... 4,000

Giles Bessie P to Louisa Grey, Dec 6, Shaler twp, 40x160, Budge st..... 4,000

Paterson Wm R to E Hamilton, July 19, 13th wd, Pgh, 20x100, Francis st.... 2,700

Alter Cso F to H F Lussier, Dec 7, 28th wd, Pgh, 28x72, Vandalia st..... 2,150

Bauer C to J Berger, Dec 10, 23d wd, Pgh, 40x90, Grafton st..... 65,000

Shiff Mary to W Rapak, Dec 1, 11th wd, Alle, 22x85, California ave..... 4,025

Marshall Mary to S E Vogeley, Nov 25, Wilkinsburg, 30x96, Hay st..... 3,900

Towner Phos to C E Towner, Dec 6, Collier twp, 100x140, R R st..... 7,500

Meadows G H to Wm C Rice, Dec 10, Sewickley, 180x150, Chadwick ave.... 6,400

Lutz E E to Robt Thompson, Dec 12, 14th wd, Pgh, 24x124, Ward st..... 9,000

Wilson A to L Rominger, July 6, Wilkinsburg, 25x105, Clark st..... 950

McCabe M J to Ray Walker, Jr, Dec 6, Hampton twp, 115 acres..... 17,000

White W S to Sarah Harris, Dec 12, 11th ward, Pgh, Orchard st..... 4,500

Wallbridge Chas to W H Vaught, Sept 6, 23d ward, Pgh, 88x78, Shiloh st..... 13,500

Lewis L E to M E Hutchisson, Oct 22, Bellevue, 50x105, Wash st..... 5,000

Hamilton C H to L E Patterson, Dec 13, Sheraden, 30x100, Berwyn ave.... 4,500

Miller Annex to John Best, Nov 17, Wilkinsburg, 26x91, Campbell st..... 2,500

Wade D M to Sarah Woodside, Dec 1, 35th wd, Pgh, 40x150, Blackadore ave. 2,500

The Cotton Market.

NEW YORK, Dec. 15.—Cotton—Spot closed quiet 5 points lower. Middling uplands, 8c; middling gulf 8 25c; sales, 1,515 bales. The range of prices today was as follows:

	Open.	High.	Low.	Close.
January	7.71	7.71	7.60	7.61
February	*7.73	7.80	7.70	7.73
March	7.89	7.91	7.79	7.79
April	7.98	7.98	7.87	7.88
May	8.02	8.03	7.88	7.89
June	*8.05			7.90
July	8.14	8.14	8.00	8.00
August	*8.13	8.15	8.00	8.00
October	*8.09	8.09	8.00	7.99
December	*7.92	7.96	7.85	7.85

*Bid.

Coffee and Sugar.

NEW YORK, Dec. 15.—The market for coffee futures opened steady at an advance of 10 points on July and 5 points higher on other positions. Buying was accelerated by continued small primary receipts, the firmer tone of the Santos markets, reports that European interests were large buyers in the Brazilian markets and talk of important bull support in the local market. On the other hand the recent sharp advances led to native realizing, particularly by houses with New Orleans connections, and after the opening prices eased off slightly. Later they did a little better, however, and the market was finally steady, with all months 5 points higher except November, which was unchanged. Sales were reported of 40,750 bags, including December at 7.25c; January at 7.25c; March at 7.50@7.60c; May at 7.70c; July at 7.90@7.95c; September at 8.05@8.10c; October at 8.20c; November at 8.20c. Spot Rio steady; mild firm. Sugar—Raw firm; refined firm.

ASKS ACCOUNTING FROM HER LAWYER

Mrs. Letta C. Young Files Equity Suit Involving Title to Much Property.

AN UNUSUAL DAMAGE SUIT

Attorney John P. Hunter and the Southern Avenue Land Company were made defendants in a bill in equity filed by Mrs. Letta C. Young, formerly Lettie C. Agnew, in which property of great value is involved. The court is asked to decree that Hunter wrongfully obtained title to Mrs. Young's interest in certain real estate; that he make an accounting and that the Southern Avenue Land Company be declared trustee of a large tract in Baldwin township.

The property involved, the plaintiff claims, is her interest in a lot in Center avenue, Eleventh ward, and 52 acres on the Brownsville road, Baldwin township. Hunter, who is a brother-in-law of the plaintiff, was made her attorney and counsel to look after her interests, she alleges, as he had been her mother's attorney. She claims that while so acting in 1896 he took an assignment of judgment for $341 15 obtained by the Philadelphia Company against Agnew & Co., which was a part of the estate left by her mother. By virtue of an execution on this judgment issued by Hunter, she says the sheriff sold for $275 to Hunter the undivided four-fifths interest of Charles N. Agnew, Mrs. Young and her sister, Mrs. Hunter, in both the Center avenue and Baldwin township properties. She claims she was never informed that he had taken an assignment of the judgment or that the property had been levied on by himself and was about to be sold, but in violation of the confidence reposed in him, obtained title to her interest which was of great value. She claims that with John C. Agnew and his wife, Hunter sold the Baldwin farm to the Southern Land Company for $75,000, Agnew and wife having one-fifth interest in the property.

What She Expects to Prove.

Mrs. Young claims she expects to prove the consideration for this conveyance was the stock of the company which was laid out in lots and is now worth $150,000, and she claims the land company knew at the time of her interest and knew he was conveying her interest in violation and breach of duty to her.

The Center avenue property in which she claims interest, she declares, was sold for taxes for $172 28, and was bought in by Hunter for $3,500 without her knowledge or consent, and she never knew the taxes were in arrears. She alleges he obtained her signature to a deed which the records show was a conveyence of her interest in the Center avenue property to him for $3,000, and says she did not know the nature of the paper nor did she receive the consideration.

Mrs. Young claims in a similar manner, the conveyance of her interest in the Agnew glass plant at Oakmont was obtained and that she never received the $10,000 recorded in the deed as consideration. She claims that up to a short time ago she did not know all her property was vested in Hunter. She claims to have received but $70 from him, although he had told her she would receive a nice sum from the estate up till September 22, when he told her there was nothing left of her estate and refused an accounting.

A suit for $250,000 damages was filed in the United States circuit court by the American Sheet and Tin Plate Company against the Pittsburgh & Lake Erie Railroad Company. On last January the plant of the defendant company, at the foot of South Sixteenth street, took fire and was totally destroyed. It is alleged in the bill that an alarm of fire was turned in and that all the fire companies in the district responded. It is alleged that a train belonging to the defendant was between the two companies and the burning plant, and that the trainmen refused to move the train for some time or allow the firemen to cut it, so as to get at the fire. It is claimed that this refusal on the part of the defendant's employes caused the plant to be totally destroyed, and the suit is brought to cover the loss caused by the fire.

Large Personal Estate.

The personal inventory of the estate of the late Edmund M. Ferguson has been filed and is appraised at $591,221 26. Of the total amount $490,882 75 is stocks and the balance is scattering bonds. The greatest single amount of stock is carried in the Pittsburgh Reduction Company, in which is invested $109,220, and $11,000 was the greatest amount in bonds, it being invested in bonds of the New York Shipbuilding Company.

Alfred R. Hattiman filed a bill in equity against the borough of Emsworth and the Richard Transfer Company of Allegheny, seeking to restrain them from carrying out the work now being done in widening Beaver avenue. The plaintiff alleges the ordinances authorizing the work were not properly passed, and that the bids be declared invalid and that the contract for doing the work be declared null and void. He alleges that the state law was violated in that the limit at which the bonded indebtedness could be increased was disregarded by the borough authorities, who are getting ready to issue bonds to the extent of $14,000. He claims the ordinances were not legally passed, as they did not receive the three-fourths majority required by law; that no notice was given property owners to make objections and that no estimate of the damages that will arise was made. He declared the damages from the improvement will exceed $30,000.

In criminal court Petro De Mungio, an Italian, was sent to the penitentiary for two years and nine months for assault and battery with intent to commit a felony. Samuel Collett was sent to the workhouse for 10 months for robbery. John Sherman was convicted of a charge of assault and battery with intent to commit a felony.

Club Prosecuted by Constable.

When court adjourned the case of Frank Lucas, Eugene Rolman and Joseph W. Widmer was on trial. The men are charged with keeping a gambling house and with selling liquor illegally, the information being made by Joseph Thompson, constable of the Fifth ward. The defendants are officers of the Military club of Grant street and claim they had a charter and that the place was only a club room.

A petition in bankruptcy was filed by Harry N. Edwards, a merchant of New Castle. He gives his liabilities as $2,048 07, with assets of $1,750.

Elizabeth Feigel of Butler, conducting a cigar store, also filed a petition. She gives her debts as $12,774 36 and her assets as $15,804. Another like petition was filed by John N. Johnston, a contractor of Butler. He gives his liabilities as $12,540 and his assets as $11,000 50.

True bills returned by the grand jury: Rebellious assault and battery, George Polak; aggravated assault and battery, Anton Dairkowski. Charles Jones, E. B. Savage, Angus Moir; assault and battery, Barney Dudvitz, Andy Grobloske, Joseph Wisnesky, Charles White, Alexander Minus et al. (2). Gust Russ, Angus Moir; horse stealing, Mat and Jake Zimmer; larceny, Jos. J. Commons, Susan Glover, Albert Hromiaka, May Kline, Clarence Leasure; false pretense, S. A. Fichblate, pointing firearms, Eugene Sample; misdemeanor, Jos. J. Commons, Samuel Jernak.

Will of Imperial Man.

By the will of James Stewart Oliver, late of Imperial, the wife, Jane, in lieu of her dower, is to receive an annuity of $150 and retain a life interest in the residence and real estate. At her death this interest passes into the hands of Lilly M. Hooper, a daughter. This daughter receives $1,000 and the decedent's sister receives $100 annually. The residue of the estate, which is valued at $11,700, is divided equally among three daughters, Sarah E. Fox, Bazilla J. Wallace and Lilly M. Hooper.

Judge McClung filed an opinion in the equity suit of D. F. Boltzman, William H. Williams and George E. Harris against the borough of Braddock, granting an injunction to prevent the officers from increasing the bonded indebtedness. The court finds that an ordinance was passed to increase the indebtedness for the purpose of paying outstanding warrants for improvements, but that at the election held the ballots furnished were not official, as prescribed by the act of 1903, and holds the election not legal.

Executions issued: National Premium Building and Loan association No. 2 vs. W. N. Andrew, $900. American Sewer Pipe Company vs. C. M. Smith, $894 20; E. B. Jenkins & Co. vs. Thomas Greenfield, $112; A. L. Pearson, jr., vs. William and James Messer, $402; Henrietta Schafer use, vs. Joseph Patrick, $1,024; John Seiber vs. Joseph Goodall, $104; Malinda Lesinger vs. Peter Roeder, $2,774 60.

The Bond Market.

NEW YORK, Dec. 15.—(Special.)—District of Columbia 3s, 65s, 120@121 bid; Philippine 4s, 1906@11. Price ranges were as follows:

	High.	Low	Last Sale.
Japanese 6s	92¾	92⅜	92⅜
American Tobacco 6s	109⅞	109¼	109¼
Do 4s	91	91	91
Atchison gen 4s	102⅞	102⅜	102⅝
St. L. & S. F. 4s	103½	103	103⅛
St. L. & S. W. 4½s	93⅜	93¼	93¼
St. L. & S. W. con. 4s	84⅝	84⅜	84⅜
C. B. & Q. joint 4s	100	100	100
C. R. I. & P. col. 4s	80¾	80	80½
Do col. 5s	96¾	96	96
Con. Tobacco 4s	79	78	79
Mexican Central con 4s	77	76¾	77
Do 1st inc 4s	23¾	23	23½
Reading gen 4s	102¾	102¼	102⅝
St. L. & I. M. & S. Reg 5s	99⅝	99	99⅜
Union Pacific 1st 4s	106⅝	106½	106¾
Do con 4s	109	108¾	108⅞
U. S. Steel 5s	91	90½	90⅝
Wabash Deb B	66½	65	66
Western Maryland 4s	90	89¾	89¾

Mannington's Gusher District Proves the Stellar Attraction

The gusher district, west of Mannington, W. Va., is now the stellar attraction in the lower southwest and is the only development that seems capable of furnishing producers above the average that has prevailed for so many months. While this pool has presented some very large wells it is an open question whether it will be able to increase its production with additional wells. If it should it will be for a very short time, as the new wells will be slow coming in and when drilled into the pay will not much more than make good the loss in production of the older wells.

The Trees & Benedum No. 2, on the J. L. Holden farm, declined to 35 barrels an hour and was then agitated and the production increased to 50 barrels an hour. Without assistance the wells in this district do not produce their full capacity. The gas pressure is light and not of sufficient force to make them flow freely.

In the same district the Delmar Oil Company's No. 2 on the J. L. and Jack Hays' farm is producing at the rate of 60 barrels an hour. Deeper drilling did not increase its production, as was expected. The No. 5 on this farm was reported drilling in the top of the sand, but if it reached the pay no word to that effect reached the company's office.

The South Penn company has met with bad luck at its No. 2 on the C. S. Fitzer farm. Tools and 50 feet of the cable have been lost in the hole and they are now fishing. The well was producing 150 barrels a day when the accident happened.

Near Downs station, in the same county, the Freeland Oil Company has drilled its test on the W. C. Wilson farm through the fourth sand and has a fair gasser. Near Sedalia, Doddridge county, the Wheeling Natural Gas Company has drilled its test on the J. J. Downs farm into the Gordon and has a fair gasser in that formation. On McElroy creek, Tyler county, the Philadelphia Company has drilled its No. 1 on the Underwood farm from the Big Injun to the Gordon and has a fair gasser.

North of Cairo, Ritchie county, the Stewart United Oil Company has drilled its No. 15 on the Harkness tract into the salt sand and has a show for a 30-barrel producer. Lockwood & Curry's No. 2 on the J. P. Kennedy farm is very tight and the Southern Oil Company is drilling No. 4 on the Dawson heirs' farm.

In the Yellow Creek district, Calhoun county, the South Penn Oil Company has drilled its No. 7 on the H. I. Jackson farm into the Berea grit pay and has a producer good for 100 barrels a day. The same company shot its No. 6 on the same farm and it produced 270 barrels the ensuing 24 hours. Nos. 3 and 5 on the same farm are producing 110 and 100 barrels, respectively. One mile north of the producers, on the Jackson farm, the South Penn company has drilled its test on the J. W. Heffner farm through the Maxon sand and found no oil or gas. It is now drilling to the lower formations.

In the Rowelle Run district, on the Little Kanawha river, near the mouth of Big Root run, the Federal Oil Company has drilled its test on the N. T. McConnahy farm through the Berea grit and will not have a paying well in that formation. Some oil was developed in the Cow Run sand and it is possible that they will get it in a better formation.

On the Ohio side in the Benwood district, in Monroe county, the Carter Oil Company has drilled its test on the Joel Taylor farm into the Berea grit and at the depth of 2,230 feet have a show for a 25-barrel producer. In the Newport district, Washington county, P. D. Kerr & Co. have drilled their second test on the J. B. Green farm through the sand and have a show for a 10 or 15-barrel pumper.

In the same district, the Empire Oil and Gas Company has completed its No. 3 on the Greenwood farm and has a show for a 10-barrel pumper. James Morrison & Co.'s No. 5 on the A. Friedal farm is still holding up at 150 barrels a day. This well has now been in for almost a month and has been shot once.

Operators are looking up the Homeworth district, in Columbiana county, and are trying to secure leases, but the price has been advanced very much within the past few weeks.

Northeast of developments the Renner-Deibel Company secured a lease on 18 acres of the A. J. Mosier farm, for which the company paid a bonus of $1,100 and gave a sixth royalty. The next well due in the district is the local company's test on the Brady farm. On this farm the operators agree to pay a quarter royalty. While there are probably a dozen rigs up and wells started in the district, there is practically nothing doing toward completing the work for the reason that there is no water in the field.

Up to this time the Renner-Deibel Company of Youngstown and A. Lutz of Pittsburgh have the best producers. Indianapolis, Fort Wayne and Richmond (Indiana) parties have taken up a number of leases and will begin development work as soon as there is an available supply of water.

West of Blacksville, Greene county, Pa., the South Penn Oil Company has given its old No. 1 on the S. S. Eddy farm a shot and it produced 300 barrels the ensuing 24 hours.

Shipments and Runs.

Shipments and runs of the Pennsylvania, Ohio and Indiana fields:

PENNSYLVANIA OIL.

SHIPMENTS.		RUNS.	
December 14..	89,567	December 13..	83,526
Prev. rep.....	983,410	Prev. rep.....	794,452
Total	1,063,977	Total	877,978
Daily average	75,998	Daily average..	67,537

LIMA OIL.

SHIPMENTS.		RUNS.	
December 14..	44,673	December 13...	68,117
Prev. rep.....	768,112	Prev. rep.....	663,649
Total	812,785	Total	731,766
Daily average.	58,056	Daily average.	66,289

The Oil Market.

The Standard quotes credit balances in the several fields as follows: Pennsylvania, $1 60; Tiona, $1 75; Corning, $1 57; New Castle, $1 47; North Lima, $1 07; South Lima, $1 02; Indiana, $1 00; Somerset, $1 01; Raglan, 90c; Canada, $1 54. The Producers and Refiners Company quotes Pennsylvania crude at $1 60.

TOLEDO, O., Dec. 15.—North Lima, $1 07; South Lima and Indiana, $1 02.

OIL CITY, Dec. 15.—Credit balances, $1 60; certificates, no bid. Shipments, Pennsylvania oil, 80,500 bbls; average, 75,999 bbls; runs, 84,500 bbls; average, 67,616 bbls; shipments, Lima oil, 44,673 bbls; average, 58,056 bbls; runs, 68,166 bbls; average, 56,290 bbls.

Baltimore & Ohio Closes Lease for Its New Ticket Offices

Division Passenger Agent E. D. Smith of the Baltimore & Ohio yesterday closed the lease for the property at 403-5-7 Fifth avenue, which the Baltimore & Ohio will use as a ticket office in this city after April 1. The lease, which is for a short term, was secured from the Mellon National bank, the owners of the property, who refused to rent for a long term. In this it is said they were influenced by the probability that the property might at any time be wanted for some important building project. While the lease is for but a comparatively short time it is understood the lessees will take care of the interests of the company should the occasion demand. The need of a new location for a ticket office was made necessary by the purchase of the company's old location at Fifth avenue and Wood street. It is 25 years ago since the Baltimore & Ohio went into the building at Fifth avenue and Wood street as a ticket office, five-year leases having been renewed four times. Mr. Smith had his offices there for 22 years, until he was made division passenger agent on the absorption of the Pittsburgh & Western three years ago, when his offices were removed to the Park building. Twenty-two years' association with one place naturally brings about a familiarity which one regrets to sever, and in the past three years seldom a day has gone by that has not found Mr. Smith, for a few minutes, in his old chair in his old corner, smoking an after-dinner cigar. While the new quarters will not be quite so commodious as the old, they are arranged so that greater convenience will result. All of the three rooms front on Fifth avenue, providing light and air accommodations.

Changes on the Pennsylvania Lines.

C. M. Bennett, superintendent of the Cincinnati & Muskingum Valley, with headquarters at Zanesville, has been appointed inspector of maintenance-of-way of the southwest system of the Pennsylvania lines, with headquarters at Columbus. The position is a new one and will carry with it a great many responsibilities. Paul Jones will succeed Mr. Bennett as superintendent of the C. & M. V. Mr. Jones will be succeeded by S. P. Robertson, assistant engineer of maintenance-of-way on the Pittsburgh division of the Panhandle, and F. N. Crowell, assistant engineer of maintenance-of-way of the eastern division of the Fort Wayne will succeed Mr. Robertson.

Arranging Merger Despite Injunction.

The officials of the Pennsylvania lines will proceed to arrange for the merger of the Terre Haute & Indianapolis, the St. Louis, Vandalia & Terre Haute, the Logansport & Toledo and the Indianapolis & Vincennes railroads, despite the temporary injunction granted by Judge Anderson of the federal court. The suit for an injunction was filed by Edward H. Bonner, who alleges that such an amalgamation would result in a loss to him of $5,000. The hearing is set for December 22 and the order prescribes that no action shall be taken until after the hearing in the case.

Building Elevated Tracks.

Work on the proposed elevated freight yard of the Pennsylvania railroad at the Point was started yesterday. The new yards will include all the property bounded by Duquesne way, Penn avenue, Third and Water streets. The work begun yesterday was on the excavations for the retaining walls west of Third street and extending along Penn avenue.

Railroad Notes.

The new yards of the Pennsylvania railroad at Enola, across the Susquehanna river from Harrisburg, will be opened January 1.

The American Association of Traveling Passenger Agents elected Jay W. Adams of San Francisco president and L. W. Landman of Toledo secretary-treasurer. The next convention will be held at Portland, Ore.

Fred H. Tristram, assistant general passenger agent of the Wabash, A. A. Robison, general passenger agent of the P. & L. E., Col. Samuel Moody, general passenger agent of the Pennsylvania lines, and his chief assistant, Frank Van Dusen, will arrive home this morning from attending the C. P. A. meeting at Chicago.

LIVE STOCK MARKETS.

PITTSBURGH UNION STOCK YARDS.

Thursday, Dec. 15, 1904.

Cattle—Supply fair and market slow. Choice, 1,400 to 1,500 lbs., $5 25@5 50; prime, 1,300 to 1,400 lbs., $4 85@5 10; good, 1,200 to 1,300 lbs., $4 40@4 80; fair, 1,000 to 1,100 lbs., $4 00@4 35; common, 700 to 900 lbs., $2 00@3 00; choice heifers, $3 40@3 75; common to good, $2 00@3 25; good fat cows and springers, $40@50; common to fair, $20@30.

Sheep and lambs—Supply fair and market strong. Prime wethers, 90 to 100 lbs., $5 00@5 25; good mixed, 80 to 90 lbs., $4 60@4 90; fair mixed, 75 to 80 lbs., $4 10@4 50; common, $2 00@3 00; lambs, $5 00@7 60; veal calves, $7 00@7 50; heavy and thin, $4 00@5 00.

Hogs—Receipts, 35 double-decks; market active at a decline of 5 to 10 cents on mediums and heavy hogs and steady on other grades. Prime, heavy, $4 45; prime, $4 45; best Yorkers and light Yorkers, $4 00@4 05; pigs, $4 40@4 50; roughs, $4 00@4 30; stags, $3 00@3 50.

[By Associated Press to The Gazette.]

KANSAS CITY, Dec. 15.—Cattle—Receipts, 5,800 head, including 1,500 head southerns; market slow and steady to a shade lower; choice export and dressed beef steers, $5 00@5 30; fair to good, $3 50@5 00; western fed steers, $3 50@5 50; stockers and feeders, $2 50@4 00; southern steers, $2 50@4 50; southern cows, $1 75@3 25; native cows, $1 75@4 25; native heifers, $2 50@5 25; bulls, $2 00@4 00; calves, $3 00@6 50. Hogs—Receipts, 4,500 head; market steady to 5c higher; tops, $4 45; bulk of sales, $4 30@4 45; heavy, $4 35@4 45; packers, $4 40@4 45; pigs and lights, $3 85@4 40. Sheep—Receipts, 6,000 head; market steady and active; native lambs, $5 00@6 75; native wethers, $4 50@5 00; native ewes, $4 25@4 75; eastern lambs, $5 50@6 60; top prices heat for the year; western yearlings, $4 00@5 25; western sheep, $5 75@4 75; stockers and feeders, $2 50@4 50.

NEW YORK, Dec. 15.—Beeves—Receipts, 171 head; none offered for sale today; feeling steady; dressed beef quiet; natives sides, 7@9½c lb; extra beef, 9¾@10c; exports tomorrow, 25 head sheep. Calves—Receipts, 234 head; steady; veals, $5 00@9 00; little calves, $3 50@4 00; barnyard calves, $3 00; no westerns; dressed calves steady; city dressed veals, 10@13½c lb; country dressed, 7@12c; dressed barnyard and fed calves, 4@6c. Sheep and lambs—Receipts, 2,988 head; sheep fed steady; lambs 10@20c lower; sheep, $3 50@5 30; choice, $5 50; lambs, $7 50@8 00; one deck, $8 12½; culls, $5 50@6 00. Hogs—Receipts, 2,560 head; steady to strong; good to prime state hogs, $5 00@5 15; light hogs and pigs, $5 25.

CHICAGO, Dec. 15.—Cattle—Receipts, 8,000 head; market steady; good to prime steers, $6 00@7 00; poor to medium, $3 75@5 75; stockers and feeders, $2 15@4 15; cows, $1 00@4 25; heifers, $1 75@5 00; canners, $1 00@2 50; bulls, $2 00@4 20; calves, $3 50@7 00. Hogs—Receipts, 38,000 head; market strong; mixed and butchers, $4 30@4 57½; good to choice heavy, $4 55@4 65; rough heavy, $4 30@4 42½; light, $4 30@4 45; bulk of sales, $4 45@4 55. Sheep and lambs—Receipts, 22,000 head; sheep 10@15c lower; lambs weak; good to choice wethers, $4 50@5 50; fair to choice mixed, $3 50@4 75; native lambs, $5 00@7 20.

CINCINNATI, Dec. 15.—Hogs active, strong, 5c higher; butchers, $4 00@4 65; common, $3 60@4 45. Cattle quiet; about steady, fair to good shippers, $4 00@4 65; common, $2 00@2 25. Sheep strong, $2 50@4 50; lambs steady, $6 50@7 00.

FINANCIAL AND TRADE NOTES.

NEW YORK, Dec. 15.—The directors of the Louisville & Nashville Railroad Company at a meeting here today declared a cash dividend of 3 per cent, payable February 10.

NEW YORK, Dec. 15.—(Special.)—On December 22 the steel billet pool is expected to advance the price of billets from $21 to $22 a ton. Sheets and tin bars are also scheduled for an advance at that time.

CHICAGO, Dec. 15.—Directors of the United Box Board and Paper Company, following the suggestion made by President Bacher some months ago, have addressed letters to the stockholders setting forth plans for the reorganization of the company. A committee has been appointed.

Pig Iron Certificates Market.

NEW YORK, Dec. 15.—(Special.)—Sluggishness prevailed in the market for pig iron certificates today, offerings were somewhat larger while buyers were holding back and making slightly lower bids, as a rule. Morning call:

	Bid.	Asked.
Cash	$17 00	
December	17 00	$17 50
January	17 05	17 25
February	17 10	17 30
March	17 05	17 20
April	17 00	17 40
May	17 00	17 40
June	17 00	17 10
July	16 95	17 20

Interest in pig iron certificates was somewhat passive, and hence the market was lifeless, with few changes of importance. Afternoon call:

	Bid.	Asked.
Cash	$17 00	
December	17 05	$17 50
January	17 10	17 25
February	17 10	17 25
March	17 10	17 20
April	17 00	17 40
May	17 05	17 45
June	17 00	17 25
July	17 00	17 35

Turpentine and Rosin.

WILMINGTON, N. C., Dec. 15.—Spirits turpentine steady at 47c. Rosin firm at $2 50. Tar firm at $1 80. Crude turpentine firm at $2 30@3 60.

SAVANNAH, GA., Dec. 15.—Turpentine firm, 47½c. Rosin firm. A, B, C, $2 47½; D, $2 50; E, $2 52½; F, $2 55; G, $2 60; H, $2 77½; I, $3 35; K, $3 90; M, $4 20; N, $4 50; WG, $4 75; WW, $5 15.

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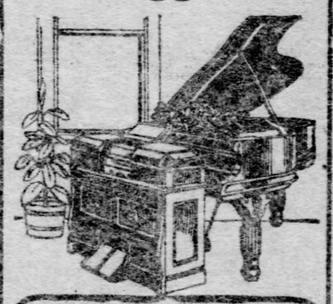

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DIVIDEND—A quarterly dividend of TWO AND ONE-HALF (2½) PER CENT upon the preferred, assenting and non-assenting stocks of the company, was declared payable January 10, 1905, to stockholders of record December 28, 1904, and opened January 11, 1905.
T. W. SIEMON, Treasurer.

Office of the Excelsior Express and Standard Cab Company,
1129 Liberty Avenue,
Pittsburgh, Pa., December 15, 1904.
DIVIDEND—The board of directors of the Excelsior Express and Standard Cab Company have this day declared a dividend of THREE (3) PER CENT, payable on and after January 1, 1905. Checks will be mailed.
JOS. FORD, Secretary and Treasurer.

Commonwealth Trust Company of Pittsburgh,
Pittsburgh, Pa., Dec. 7, 1904.
QUARTERLY DIVIDEND NO. 8—The Board of Directors of this company has this day declared a quarterly dividend of TWO (2) PER CENT on the capital stock, payable to stockholders of record at the close of business December 31. Checks will be mailed.
GEORGE D. EDWARDS,
Secretary and Treasurer.

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Babies' solid gold rings.....10 cents
Child's solid gold rings.....25 cents
Misses' solid gold rings.....50 cents
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22—$1,000 gold, second mortgage Bonds of Henry S. Way, on Clinton Hotel, Philadelphia.
JOHN D. BAILEY, Auctioneer.

PROPOSALS.

NOTICE—The board of inspectors of the Western Penitentiary will receive proposals until 12 o'clock noon December 24, 1904, for furnishing the penitentiary with drugs, medicines and surgical supplies and coal, for a period of one year, commencing January 1, 1905. Details furnished at the prison. The board reserves the right to reject any or all bids. WILLIAM M'C. JOHNSTON, Warden.

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WANTED—Active partner with $500 to join me in a business that will net $81,000 a month. Address A 139, The Gazette.

LOST.

LOST—Between Nixon theater and Bellevue, gent's stickpin, star with ruby in center; reward of $5 if left at this office. M. W. Forney, 15 Euclid ave., Bellevue, Pa.

LOST—On westward bound Fort Wayne train, Carnegie library book, on December 10. Finder will please return to Fort Wayne baggage room, Allegheny.

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HUGH M. STILLEY, Attorney-at-Law,
608 Frick Bldg., Pittsburgh, Pa.
In the court of common pleas No. 2 of Allegheny county. No. 637 January term, 1905.
In the matter of a petition of Hudson McMillen et al., executors of Wm. C. McMillen, for release and discharge of a charge on land in Scott township.
Notice—To Thomas Kiddo Willson, Mary Jane Willson and David Willson, their heirs, executors and administrators, and all parties in interest:
On the 28th of November, 1904, Hudson McMillen, W. H. McMillen and W. S. McMillen, executors of Wm. C. McMillen, presented their petition in the court of common pleas No. 2 of said county, stating:
That they are executors under the will of Wm. C. McMillen, late of Scott township, vested with an absolute power of sale of said estate under said will and joint owners with the other heirs of said Wm. C. McMillen of all that certain tract of land in Scott township, Allegheny county, Pa., of which said Wm. C. McMillen died seized, bounded and described as follows, to-wit:
All that certain tract of land situate in Scott township, county of Allegheny and state of Pennsylvania, bounded and described as follows, to-wit:
Beginning at a white oak on line between lands of Mary Kelso's heirs and W. H. Donnell; thence north fifty-eight and one-half (58½) degrees east, forty-eight and ten hundredths (48.10) perches; thence north twenty-one (21) degrees west, six and fifty hundredths (6.50) perches; north fifty-eight and one-half (58½) degrees east, seventy-seven and forty hundredths (77.40) perches to a stone; thence along line of J. H. Robb, now —— north thirty-three (33) degrees twenty-one (21) minutes west, eighty-eight and sixty-two hundredths (88.62) perches; thence along line of Fryer south eighty-six and one-fourth (86¼) degrees west, seventy-three and forty hundredths (73.40) perches thence along Fryer south eighteen degrees (18) west, one hundred thirty and forty hundredths (130.40) perches to line of land sold to the Chartiers Block Coal Company; thence along the same south fifty-five and one-half (55½) degrees east, seven and ninety-two hundredths (7.92) perches; thence south twenty-eight (28) degrees fifty-five (55) minutes east, sixteen and seventy-six hundredths (16.76) perches; south seventeen (17) degrees east, seven and forty-four hundredths (7.44) perches; north two (2) degrees twenty-five (25) minutes west, thirteen and sixty hundredths (13.60) perches to a black oak; south sixty-three (63) degrees east, nine and sixty-eight hundredths (9.68) perches to a white oak on Donnell's line; thence by Donnell's line north forty-five and one-fourth (45¼) degrees east, thirty-seven and fifty-eight hundredths (37.58) perches to the white oak at the place of beginning. Containing ninety-eight (98) acres and one hundred and six (106) perches.
That Thomas Willson, a predecessor in title of the above tract, inter alia, and his wife, Jane Willson, by deed dated October 18, 1839, recorded in the recorder's office of Allegheny county in deed book vol. 59, page 295, conveyed the above described tract of land, inter alia, to Samuel Kiddo and William Espy, in trust to appoint three men, with the consent of his sons, Samuel, James and Wm. Willson, who should on or after April 2d, 1843, appraise the said hereditaments at a cash value, and divide the same into three parts equal in quality and value, and after the said appraisement and division to convey said purparts, one to his son Samuel Willson, one to his son James Willson and one to his son William Willson, and in said deed further provided that "the other children, Jane Kiddo Willson, Mary Jane Willson and David Willson, are to receive a prorate amount when they respectively arrive at the age of twenty-one (21) years, from my said sons, Samuel, James and William, after my debts shall have been paid, which I hereby require to be paid out of the hereditaments aforesaid. If my personal property shall not be sufficient to pay all my debts so that all my children will each be apportioned an equal share out of the hereditaments herein described, except Samuel and James, who are each to be apportioned the sum of one hundred ($100) dollars more than the rest, the said Samuel, James and William Willson are to pay annually two per cent. (2%) interest on the pro rata amounts to be paid by them respectively as aforesaid; further, the said Samuel, James and William are required to give good security for the payment of their said respective shares when they receive a deed as aforesaid."
That by paper dated April 25, 1843, recorded in deed book 67, page 348, said trustees appointed appraisers, who divided said farm of Thomas Willson into purparts and appraised the same, that allotted to Samuel Willson, containing one hundred (100) acres one (1) rood, a part of which allotment is the above described land of your petitioners, at ($2,450.)
That a deed was then made by said trustees to Samuel Willson for the purpart, on the record security appears to have been given by said Samuel Willson to secure the pro rata amount due Thomas Kiddo Willson, Mary Jane Willson and David Willson, which by reference to said deed of trust and appraisement would appear to be the sum of $1,238 67, with interest at two per cent. (2%), and that said deed of trust and appraisement make said amount a charge on the land of your petitioners.
That said Thomas Kiddo Willson, Mary Jane Willson and David Willson have long since became of age and that much more than twenty-one (21) years has elapsed after the principal of such incumbrance or charge became due and payable, and that no payment, principal or interest, has been made within said period of 21 years on account of such incumbrance or charge by the owners of the land sought to be released and discharged, or so far as can be ascertained, by their predecessors in title, and no release acquittance or acknowledgement of payment of such incumbrance or charge is of record in this county.
And praying that notice of this petition be given and said tract of land of the petitioners be released and discharged from said charge.
Whereupon the court on November 28, 1904, did order and direct the sheriff of Allegheny county to serve a notice stating briefly the facts set forth in the petition on Thomas Kidd

STOCKS WERE IRREGULAR, BUT CLOSED SLIGHTLY HIGHER

Dealings Were the Smallest for Any Full Day for More Than a Month—Pittsburgh Coal Declined on the Local Board.

By JOHN O. BAGLIN, Financial Editor.

There was much irregularity in the New York stock market yesterday, but the net changes showed slight advances for the day. The dealings, however, fell below 800,000 shares for the first time for any full day for a month. With one exception the total was even smaller than for any two-hour session on Saturday since the presidential election. This is the best commentary upon the character of the dealings. The outside public has reduced its interest in the market to a minimum, and the professional traders are apparently waiting for some new move by Mr. Lawson. Every Wall street commission broker who yesterday expressed a public opinion said that the influence of the Boston speculator was waning, and that in a few days it would be a thing of the past. At the same time those commission brokers were keeping an ear toward Boston, and seemed to be relieved when the day passed without the appearance of a half page advertisement. It is altogether within the probabilities that the reaction would have come and the wild trading subsided in the due course of events, without the aid of outside influence, and it is also undoubtedly true that if in January money becomes as easy as expected and if present railroad returns continue favorable, the public will by the middle of January have forgotten that there was a man named Lawson. Ninety-five roads which have thus far reported net earnings for the month of October show an average increase of 9.80 per cent, and 36 roads which have reported for the first week in December show an average increase in gross of 7.36 per cent. In the absence of unusually severe weather during the remainder of this month and through January, the comparative railroad earnings should be even more favorable. They will compare with a period when operating costs were increased by snow blockades, while at the same time gross earnings were decreased. Now the railroads have reduced operating expenses and gross earnings are increasing. Comparative earnings of industrial corporations should also be favorable, so that the indications are, if the market remains quiet for the next few weeks, there will be an accumulation of "bull" ammunition which will be utilized during the first quarter of 1905.

London prices for American securities came lower yesterday, United States Steel showing the largest decline. Wall street ignored the foreign market and during the first hour there was a smart rise in prices. On this advance traders took profits, causing a reaction to opening prices. Later there was a fair recovery, followed by a rather vigorous drive against values. This drive, however, did not bring much liquidation, and the market finally closed fairly steady at average net gains. United States Steel common closed at a decline of ⅜ per cent, but the preferred closed 1 per cent higher and the bonds ¼ per cent higher. Amalgamated Copper was less active and erratic than of late. It opened at 64, advanced to 65½, declined rather sharply to 63⅜, again rallied to 66 and closed at 64½, a net gain of 1⅜ per cent. The Pennsylvania group, also the anthracite coalers, were firm and higher. Reading and Norfolk & Western closing at the largest net gains. Attention was well supported, rallying to and closing at 85½, a gain of 1⅜ per cent. Louisville & Nashville, at one time, sold down to 136⅝, but recovered to and closed at 138¾. The Harriman group of stocks closed at an average advance of nearly 1 per cent.

The money market remained easy within a range of 2¾ to 3 per cent all day. A small lot of gold coin was taken for shipment to South America, but no additional engagements were announced for Europe. The weekly statements of the Bank of England and the Bank of France did not throw any light upon the foreign demand for gold, the changes in the various items being insignificant.

Weakness in Pittsburgh Coal was the only feature of a dull local stock market. On sales of a little more than 1,000 shares the common broke to 21 and rallied only a fraction from the lowest. The preferred sold down to 80 and closed at 80½. United States Steel common was moderately active and firm, but the other steel issues were dull and lower. Only 10 shares Air Brake and 40 shares Westinghouse Electric changed hands all day. National Fire Proofing common declined to 11 while the preferred advanced to 33½, but subsequently reacted to 33¼. Tonopah Extension Mining sold at $3.10, the highest price ever quoted. Three shares Union Trust changed hands at $2,500 a share, unchanged from the last previous sale. Colonial Trust sold at 380, a decline of 5 points. The remainder of the market was featureless.

PITTSBURGH STOCKS.

Sales on the Pittsburgh stock exchange yesterday were as follows:

10:00 A. M. to 10:30 A. M.

100 A. V. pfd...	31	50 Pgh. Coal...	22⅞
50 U. S. Steel...	27¼	10 do...	22⅞
50 Crucible ...	9	50 do...	22⅞
50 do...	9	10 do...	22⅞
20 Fire P. pfd..	33½	10 P. Oil & Gas.	72⅝
$1000 P., McK. & C. 5s...	100	10 do...	72⅝
20 Cons. Ice...	8	40 do...	73
50 Pgh. Coal pfd.	81¼	5 W. Airbrake.	140
5 do...	81	20 Colonial Tr...	380
60 Pgh. Coal...	22⅞	5 do...	380
40 do...	22⅝	10 G. A. S. & T.	161

10:30 A. M. to 11:00 A. M.

100 U. S. Steel...	27⅝	40 A. V. pfd...	31
100 do...	27	35 Crucible pfd..	48½
100 do...	27⅛	15 do...	48½
100 do...	27⅛	$1000 P., McK. & C. 5s...	100
50 do...	27⅛		
10 Home Trust..	124½		

11:00 A. M. to 12:30 P. M.

200 A. Val. pfd..	81	5 Riv. Coal pfd.	29
200 Tonopah Ext.	2.95	3 do...	29½
100 U. S. Steel...	27¾	50 Pgh. Coal....	22
50 do...	27¼	10 do...	22
10 P. Oil & Gas.	73	50 do...	21⅞
20 Crucible	8⅞	100 do...	21⅞
30 do...	8⅞	50 do...	21⅞
40 do...	8⅞	10 do...	21⅞
10 do...	8⅞	80 do...	21½
20 Crucible pfd..	48¼	50 Pgh. Coal pfd.	80¼
50 do...	48	15 do...	80¼
20 do...	48	80 do...	80¼
10 Fire P. pfd...	33½	100 do...	80¼
10 do...	33¾	100 do...	80
20 do...	33¾	100 do...	80
2 Fire Proofing.	10⅞	185 do...	80

12:30 P. M. to 2:00 P. M.

100 Consol. Ice...	8¼	100 Sewer Pipe...	26½
25 Pgh. Coal....	22	5 Fire P. pfd...	33¼
100 do...	22	25 U. S. St. pfd.	88⅝
25 do...	21½	40 Electric 24s.	89
25 do...	21½	10 Monon. Water	45
50 do...	21½	50 Pgh. Coal pfd.	80¼
50 do...	21½	100 Fire Proofing.	11½
10 do...	21½	20 do...	11¼

2:00 P. M. to 2:30 P. M.

5 Pgh. Coal pfd	80⅝	50 Fire Proofing..	11
25 do...	80¼	5 P. Oil & Gas.	72½
5 W. Airbrake.	140	25 U. S. St. pfd.	89
50 Fire Proofing	11	30 Sewer Pipe....	26½
50 do...	11	3 Union Trust..	2500
25 do...	11		

2:30 P. M. to 3:00 P. M.

24 M. L. & H...	39	500 Tonopah Ext..	3.10
40 Pgh. Coal...	21¾	40 Monon. Water	45
50 do...	21¾	100 U. S. Steel...	27⅝
100 do...	21	20 Pgh. Coal pfd.	80½
50 do...	21	*144 S. & K. pfd.	15½
10 do...	21½	*94 Stove & Rge.	8⅝

*At auction for account.

Summary.

Sales.	High.	Low.	Last Sales.	Ch'ge.
340 Ally. Val. pfd..	31	31	31	+½
120 Cons. Gas com.	8¾	8	8¼	+¼
200 Crucible Steel.	9	8⅞	8⅞	—⅛
140 Do pfd....	48¼	48	48	—½
287 Fire Proofing..	11¼	*10⅝	11	—¼
65 Do pfd.....	33½	32¾	33¼	+¼
24 M. L. & H....	39	39	39	0
50 Mon. Water ...	45	45	45	45
1065 Pgh. Coal.....	22⅞	21	21¼	—1¼
800 Do pfd.....	81¼	80	80¼	—¼
85 P. Oil & Gas...	73	*72½	*72½	—½
8 Riv. Coal pfd..	29½	29	29½	0

STOCKS.	High.	Low.	Last Sales.	Ch'ge.
120 Sewer Pipe....	26¾	26½	26⅝	—¼
134 Stove & Range.	8⅝	8⅝	8⅝	—⅜
†144 Do pfd.....	15⅝	15⅜	15⅝	+1⅛
700 Tonopah Ext..	†3.10	2.95	3.10	+.15
725 U. S. Steel....	27⅝	27	27⅜	—⅜
50 Do pfd.....	89	88⅝	89	—⅜
10 W. Airbrake..	*140	*146	*146	0
40 W. Elec. 2d pfd.	89	89	89	—¼
BANK STOCKS.				
25 Colon. Trust...	380	380	380	—5
10 G. A. S. & T...	161	161	161	—¾
10 Home Trust...	124½	124½	124¼	0
3 Union Trust...	2500	2500	2500	0
$165 BONDS.				
$2000 P. McK. & C. 5s	100	100	100	0

*Less than 10 shares. †New high mark. ‡At auction.

Closing Bids and Offers.

BANK STOCKS.	Par.	Bid.	Ask.
Allegheny National Bank	$ 50	....	140
Bank of Pittsburgh	50	....	170
Arsenal Bank	50	145	....
Exchange National	50	87	90
Farmers Deposit National	....	....	1400
Federal National	100	185	190
First National, Pittsburgh	100	....	610
German National, Pittsburgh	100	....	260
Marine National	100	....	100
Metropolitan National	100	....	190
Nat. Bank of Western Pa.	100	....	220
Second National, Pittsburgh	100	740	775
Traders & Mechanics	50	70	....
Fourth National	100	....	160
Real Estate Trust	100	....	200
Safe Deposit & Trust, Pgh.	100	....	450
Commonwealth Trust	100	198	210
Iron City Trust	100	138	140
Bank of Secured Savings	50	76	....
MISCELLANEOUS.			
Manufacturers Light & Heat	50	38⅝	39
Ohio Fuel Supply	25	....	41½
Pittsburgh Oil & Gas	100	72	72½
Citizens' Traction	50	....	70
Tonopah Extension	1	3.09	3.10
Luster Mining	10	11⅛	....
Allegheny Valley R. R. pfd.	50	30½	31½
Westinghouse Electric	50	85½	....
American Window Glass pfd.	100	45	50
Consolidated Ice	50	8	....
Do. preferred	50	....	97½
Crucible Steel	100	8¾	9
Do preferred	100	47½	48
Harbison-Walker Co. pfd.	100	62	....
Monongahela River Coal pfd.	50	85⅝	86
Monongahela Water	25	44	47
National Fire Proofing	50	10⅞	11⅝
Do preferred	50	33¼	33½
Philadelphia Co.	50	41	41½
Do preferred	50	46¾	....
Pittsburgh Brewing	50	26½	26½
Do preferred	50	46⅜	46½
Pittsburgh Coal	100	21⅜	22
Do. preferred	100	80½	81
Pittsburgh Plate Glass	100	128	130
Pittsburgh Stove & Range pfd	50	14	....
United States Glass	100	47½	48½
United States Steel	100	27⅛	....
Do preferred	100	....	88¾
Westinghouse Airbrake	50	145	150
American Sewer Pipe	100	26¼	26½
BONDS.			
Pgh., McK. & Conn. 1st 5s	....	99½	....
Monongahela L. & P. 6s	....	....	100
Pittsburgh Brewing 6s	....	....	115
Monongahela Street Ry. 5s	....	....	115
Pittsburgh-Buffalo 6s	....	103	....
American Sewer Pipe 5s	....	....	100

PIG IRON WARRANTS.

The following quotations were made on warrants of the American Pig Iron Storage Warrant Company:

Class.	Bid.	Asked.
A—February delivery	$17.05	$18.20
B—February delivery	17.05	17.20
D—February delivery	17.15	17.25
A—December delivery	17.95	18.20
A—January delivery	17.95	18.20
D—December delivery	16.95	....
D—January delivery	17.10	17.25

NOTES AND COMMENT.

Judging from the attendance in brokers' offices there is no falling off in public interest in the stock market, but the report of transactions shows that there has been a great falling off in orders. Sales in New York yesterday were smaller than on a half holiday, and in Pittsburgh they fell to about a fourth of the recent total. The fact that the New York market held firm in the face of the dullness and closed at net gains for the day is construed as favorable, indicating that forced liquidation was completed in the big days earlier in the week. Commission houses have had the opportunity to communicate with customers and margins have evidently been strengthened. On the Pittsburgh stock exchange there was an absence of supporting orders in Pittsburgh Coal on the decline, indicating that the market was being allowed to take care of itself. The steel stocks were very quiet, and altogether it was a listless day in the market.

At a meeting of the directors of the Pittsburgh stock exchange after the close of the market yesterday, the securities of the Pittsburgh Warehouse, Terminal and Storage Company were ordered listed. There are $2,000,000 capital stock divided into shares of the par value of $100 each, and $1,000,000 5 per cent 20-year bonds. The Pittsburgh Trust Company is register for the securities of the company. James I. Buchanan is president, Capt. James A. Henderson vice president, and George W. C. Johnston secretary and treasurer.

The apparent inconsistency of the ruling in reference to reporting over the local stock ticker transactions on the Pittsburgh stock exchange received an illustration yesterday. There was a sale of three shares Union Trust at $2,500 a share, representing $7,500, which under the ruling making 10 shares of bank stocks the minimum that may be reported over the ticker was not transmitted to the customers of the service. A little earlier in the day there was a sale of two shares National Fire Proofing common at 10⅝, representing a total money value of $21.50, which was duly sent out over the ticker. The majority opinion among brokers and customers of the ticker service is that all legitimate transactions should be reported.

From noon until 4 o'clock tomorrow afternoon the officers and directors of the Land Trust Company, 315 Fourth avenue, will be present to welcome friends of the institution to an inspection of the new home. The improvements which have just been completed make the banking room one of the handsomest in the city.

Just before the close of the market 21¼ was bid for 1,000 shares Pittsburgh Coal common.

The New York and Boston stock exchanges will be closed on Saturday, December 24, and on Monday, December 26, and members of the Pittsburgh stock exchange will vote today on the question of closing on the same days.

Masten & Co. were the sellers and Robinson Bros. the buyers of the Union Trust changing hands.

A member of the firm of Kuhn, Loeb & Co. says: "While our house is not in the habit of making public affirmations or denials of current rumors or reports, we wish to have as widely published as possible given to the denial by our firm, printed by the New York News Bureau this morning, that Kuhn, Loeb & Co. have any interest in or are in any way concerned, directly or indirectly, in any negotiations regarding the control of the Lehigh Coal and Navigation Company's stock."

The payment of a 4 8-10 per cent dividend on the underwriting of the Cuban $35,000,000 5 per cent loan closes one of the most successful underwriting ventures of the kind in recent years. The bonds are now quoted around 102½. They are very inactive and appear to have gone to the most conservative class of investors.

The South Hills Trust Company has declared a semi-annual dividend of $2 a share, payable December 31 to stock of record December 21.

The Union Switch and Signal dividends are payable January 10 to stock of record December 31.

The dividend of 50 cents a share on the common stock of the International Smokeless Powder Company, just announced, is an increase in the rate from 3 per cent to 4 per cent per annum, the previous quarterly dividends having been 37½ cents. The significance of this increase is stated to be that the Du Pont International Powder preferred stock will at once get an increased dividend sufficient to make 5½ per cent for the year 1904, or 1⅜ per cent three quarterly dividends at the rate of 5 per cent per annum, or 1¼ per cent quarterly having already been declared.

Philadelphia—American Iron and Steel directors have declared a dividend of 1¼ per cent on the preferred stock, payable January 2 as registered December 24.

National Sugar Company directors have declared the 1¾ per cent regular quarterly dividend on the preferred stock, payable January 3.

Morgenthaler Linotype Company has declared regular dividend of 2½ per cent and an extra dividend of 5 per cent, payable December 31 to stockholders of record on December 17.

Minneapolis & St. Paul directors have declared the regular semi-annual dividend of 2½ per cent on the preferred stock, payable January 15 to stock of record January 1. No action was taken regarding a dividend on the common stock, which was passed last June. In December, 1903, a dividend of 2½ per cent was declared on the common stock.

Philadelphia, Baltimore & Washington directors have declared the regular semi-annual dividend of 2 per cent, payable December 31.

The American Type Founders' Company directors have declared a dividend of 1¾ per cent on the preferred stock and a dividend of 1 per cent on the common stock, both dividends payable January 15 to stock of record January 10.

Virginia-Carolina Chemical directors have declared the regular quarterly dividend of 2 per cent on preferred stock, payable January 16.

Fisk & Robinson are offering in another column the unsold portion of an issue of $5,000,000 first mortgage 4½ per cent bonds of the Buffalo & Susquehanna Railway Company. This company controls 311 miles of road, of which 84 miles are owned directly and 227 miles through the ownership of the entire common capital stock of the Buffalo & Susquehanna Railroad Company, a corporation which, for the past five years, has shown earnings on its common stock in excess of the interest requirements of this issue of bonds. The property under the lien of the mortgage is estimated to be worth about $10,000,000. Having sold the larger part of the present issue of $5,000,000, Fisk & Robinson offer the balance at 101 and accrued interest, at which price the bonds net approximately 4½ per cent. Subscription books opened December 15 and close December 17.

An issue of $8,200,000 Detroit United Railway first consolidated mortgage 4½ per cent 30-year gold bonds is offered to investors by Kean, Van Cortlandt & Co. of New York at 94½ per cent and accrued interest. The interest is payable January 1 and July 1, and the principal January 1, 1932. The Detroit United Railway owns and operates 533 miles of standard gauge track, constituting practically the entire street railway system of Detroit. The total issue of these bonds is $25,000,000, of which only $10,700,000 are outstanding, including the amount now offered. Of the remainder $5,020,000 are reserved to take up underlying liens and $5,280,000 for improvements and acquisition of new property. With the proceeds of the now offered bonds the company will retire $6,585,000 Detroit Citizens Street Railway, due July 1 next, and then the new mortgage will become a first lien on the most profitable portion of Detroit United Railway System. During the year ending December 31 last the company earned a surplus of $311,861 over all charges and 4 per cent dividends upon its stock, and for the 10 months ending October 31 of this year the surplus was $240,843. The subscription list will be opened December 17 at 10 a. m. and closed on December 22, or earlier, at the pleasure of the bankers.

Condition of the Treasury.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 15.—Today's statement of the treasury balances in the general fund, exclusive of the $150,000,000 gold reserve in the division of redemption, shows: Available cash balance, $143,539,56; gold, $86,012,978; silver, $5,089,768; United States notes, $4,158,-294; treasury notes of 1890, $41,162; national bank notes, $13,014,087; total receipts this day, $1,340,427; total receipts this month, $23,655,178; total receipts this year, $256,257,126; total expenditures this day, $1,760,000; total expenditures this month, $21,980,000; total expenditures this year, $280,511,747; deposits in national banks, $122,894,907.

FEATURES OF THE DAY

IN PITTSBURGH.

Bank exchanges increased $1,100,000 over the same day last year.

The stock market was dull and prices averaged lower.

Pittsburgh Coal common broke to 21 and recovered to 21⅛ at the close. The preferred stock sold down to 80 and recovered to 80½.

Westinghouse stocks were dull and closed slightly lower.

Union Trust sold at $2,500 a share and Colonial Trust at $380.

IN WALL STREET.

Dullest day for over a month in the New York stock market.

The sales foot up only 734,900 shares stock and $3,235,000 bonds.

Amalgamated Copper and Steel preferred were the strongest of the industrials.

Atchison and Reading were the strongest of the railroads and closed higher.

Other railroad stocks closed ½ to 1 per cent higher for the day.

Call loans ranged between 2¾ and 3 per cent and time loans were easy.

FINANCIAL. FINANCIAL.

$8,200,000

DETROIT UNITED RAILWAY

FIRST CONSOLIDATED MORTGAGE 4½% 30-YEAR GOLD BONDS

Dated January 1st, 1902. Principal payable January 1st, 1932
Interest payable January 1st and July 1st.

Coupon bonds of the denomination of $1,000, with privilege of registration as to principal.

GUARANTY TRUST COMPANY OF NEW YORK, Trustee

THESE BONDS ARE SUBJECT TO CALL IN WHOLE OR IN PART AT 105 PER CENT AND ACCRUED INTEREST ON ANY DATE UPON 60 DAYS PREVIOUS NOTICE.

New York, December 12, 1904.

The undersigned will receive subscriptions for the above bonds at 94½% and accrued interest.

The subscription list will be opened at the office of the undersigned at 10 A. M. Saturday, December 17, 1904, and will be closed at 3 P. M. Thursday, December 22, 1904, or earlier, at the pleasure of the undersigned. Subscriptions will also be received simultaneously by Messrs. H. Oyens & Zoren, Amsterdam, thus assuring an international market for the bonds.

Allotments will be made as soon as possible after the subscription lists are closed, the right being reserved to award a smaller amount than applied for or to reject any application.

The first payment of 10% will be stamped upon the letters of allotment. Upon delivery of these, indorsed in blank, to the Guaranty Trust Company of New York, on January 15, 1905, and the additional payment of 25%, temporary bond certificates to bearer will be delivered.

Payment for the bonds alloted is to be made in New York funds, as follows:

On allotment, 10%.....viz. $100.00 per $1,000 Bond
On January 15, 1905, 25%.....viz. $250.00 per $1,000 Bond
On July 1, 1905, 59½%, deducting interest at the rate of 3% on previous payments.....viz. $589.19 per $1,000 Bond

Total, 94½%.....viz. $939.10 per $1,000 Bond

Payments may also be made in full, allowing interest at the rate of 4½% per annum until date of delivery.

For particulars regarding the property covered by these bonds we invite your attention to the accompanying letter of Mr. J. C. Hutchins, President of the Detroit United Railway. Copies of the mortgage securing these bonds, and any further information desired may be obtained by application at our office.

Application will be made in due course to list the above bonds on the New York and Amsterdam Stock Exchanges.

KEAN, VAN CORTLANDT & CO.,
30 PINE STREET, NEW YORK.

DETROIT UNITED RAILWAY.

DETROIT, MICH., December 10, 1904.

MESSRS. KEAN, VAN CORTLANDT & CO.,
New York.

DEAR SIRS:

Referring to the Detroit United Railway First Consolidated Mortgage 4½% 30-Year Gold Bonds which you have purchased, I beg to give you the following particulars in regard to these bonds and also the property of the Detroit United Railway.

The Detroit United Railway was organized in December, 1900, to consolidate all the electric street railways, an to purchase, own and construct new lines in the City of Detroit, Mich., and the surrounding territory, and has acquired ownership of the following properties:

DETROIT CITIZENS STREET RAILWAY COMPANY,
DETROIT SUBURBAN RAILWAY,
DETROIT ELECTRIC RAILWAY,
DETROIT, FT. WAYNE & BELLE ISLE RAILWAY,
DETROIT & NORTHWESTERN RAILWAY,
DETROIT & PONTIAC RAILWAY,
WYANDOTTE & DETROIT RIVER RAILWAY,
DETROIT & FLINT RAILWAY,
DETROIT & PORT HURON SHORE LINE RAILWAY (RAPID RAILWAY SYSTEM),
SANDWICH, WINDSOR & AMHERSTBURG RAILWAY.

The above properties aggregating 533 miles of standard gauge track, all laid with heavy steel rails, constitute all the street railways in the City of Detroit and in the surrounding country, with the exception of two lines, which have access to Detroit over the lines of the Detroit United Railway.

The authorized issue of Detroit United Railway First Consolidated Mortgage 4½% Bonds is $25,000,000, to be issued as follows:

RESERVED FOR UNDERLYING LIENS	$ 5,020,000	
RESERVED FOR IMPROVEMENTS AND ACQUISITION OF NEW PROPERTY	5,280,000	
	$14,300,000	
OUTSTANDING, INCLUDING THE $8,200,000 YOU HAVE PURCHASED	10,700,000	$25,000,000

These bonds were issued partly to retire on or before maturity $6,585,000 Detroit Citizens Street Railway 5% Bonds, due July 1, 1905, after which they will become a first mortgage on about 68 miles of the lines formerly known as the Detroit Citizens Street Railway (the most profitable portion of the Detroit United Railway System, embracing the principal avenues and streets in the City of Detroit), and a mortgage, subject to only $140,000 bonds, due January 1, 1908, on the remaining portion of the old Detroit Citizens Street Railway, about 37 miles of road; these bonds are also a first mortgage on the principal power-house and car houses and other valuable real estate. The First Consolidated Mortgage 4½% Bonds will eventually become a first mortgage on the entire property of the Detroit United Railway.

The power-houses, roadbed, general equipment and property of the Detroit United Railway are in first-class condition.

The franchises of the various constituent companies of the Detroit United Railway run in most part for a number of years. The few that expire earlier cover property so situated in respect to franchises running for longer periods, that the City of Detroit will find it to its interest to renew them on equitable terms. The intrinsic value of Detroit Railway property largely exceeds its entire bonded debt.

The authorized and outstanding capital stock of the Detroit United Railway is $12,500,000, upon which quarterly dividends have been paid since 1900, at the rate of 4% per annum. The present earnings are equal to over 9% on the outstanding stock issue.

The earnings of the properties comprising the Detroit United Railway for the years since 1900 have been as follows:

	FOR YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31st.			10 MONTHS TO Oct. 31st,
	1901.	1902.	1903.	1904.
GROSS EARNINGS	$2,919,171	$3,961,402	$4,386,974	$4,783,155
OPERATING EXPENSES AND TAXES	1,596,766	2,260,786	2,613,976	2,311,791
NET EARNINGS	$1,322,405	$1,700,616	$1,772,998	$1,473,364
OTHER INCOME	23,066	31,247	38,863	34,134
TOTAL INCOME	$1,345,471	$1,731,863	$1,811,861	$1,507,498
INTEREST CHARGES	675,343	948,902	1,000,000	891,655
BALANCE OVER CHARGES	$670,128	$782,961	$811,861	$615,843
4% DIVIDENDS	500,000	500,000	500,000	375,000
SURPLUS	$170,128	$282,961	$311,861	$240,843

Yours very truly,
(Signed) J. C. HUTCHINS, President.

PRESENT INACTIVITY IS GOOD FOR THE MARKET

Banking Interests Welcome Quiet Speculation Which Followed Lawson's Attacks.

[BY PRIVATE WIRE TO THE GAZETTE.]

NEW YORK, Dec. 16.—The Herald this (Friday) morning says:

The stock market showed a contraction in the volume of business yesterday. The quietude of the speculation was regarded by banking interests as the very best thing which could happen to the market at this time, particularly so while the possibility remains of future assaults from Boston on numerous unmentioned issues.

The trading of the day was largely of a professional character, and the impression was created that the pools and cliques would do little more for some time than attempt to hold their specialties steady at about the prevailing range of prices. This determination was regarded by all as the wisest course to pursue under the circumstances. Prices gradually showed slight improvement, but there was some nervousness still in the market, which developed at the close.

The undeniable feeling of apprehension present at the close of the preceding day's market passed away, as the cause of the disquietude became generally known in better informed financial quarters. Uneasiness had been occasioned by the rumors of heavy losses in a Chicago company. It developed that the institution was the Washington Life, but that arrangements had already been made to make good its impaired surplus.

As one feature of the Boston attacks had been leveled against Insurance companies, while uncertainty existed as to the institution, and the rumors continued undefined, disquietude was only natural. This was steadily dissipated yesterday, and sentiment improved.

Mr. Lawson's expected attack on his selected list of properties did not materialize, and Mr. Lawson himself informed his friends and enemies as well, they had been deceived in the reports circulated Wednesday by certain Wall street bears. He gleefully stated, however, he would have more to say later.

Boston Stocks and Bonds.

Atchison	83⅝	American Sugar...	135⅝
Do preferred ...	103⅛	Do preferred ...	118
Boston & Albany	254½	Am. Tel. & Tel.	143¼
Boston & Maine.	164	American Woolen	18¾
Boston Elevated	150	Do preferred...	92
Fitchburg pfd....	130¾	Dom. Iron & St'l	18¾
Mexican Central.	20½	Massachusetts Gas	37¾
N. Y., N. H. & H.	196	United Fruit ...	106
Rivers Marquette.	78	United Shoe Mach.	50
Union Pacific ...	101⅝	Do preferred....	51½
Am. Arge. Chem.	21	U. S. Steel.....	27¾
Do preferred....	86	Do preferred....	88¾
Am. Pneu. Tube.	5¾		

*Bid, †Asked.

New York Curb Stocks.

(Reported by Henry Sproul & Co.)

Amer. Tin Cro....	9⅝	Internat. Salt. bs.	62
Do preferred....	58½	North Securities.	125¾
City Gate Gas ..	7.18	Otis Elevator	44
Electric Vehicle.	19	Do preferred....	95
Do preferred....	21	Seaboard Air Line	17¾
Greene Cons. Cop.	9⅝	Do preferred....	36¾
Interborough	163	Standard Oil	630
Int. Mer. Mar....	12	Tennessee Copper.	36
Do preferred....	27½	Tonopah	3
International Salt	29		

Philadelphia Closing Bids.

American Sug....	45	Penna. Steel	45
Catawba Steel....	25	Do preferred...	93
Cambria Iron	47	Phila. Co.	41¾
Cons. Trac. N. J.	17¾	Do preferred...	46
Cons. Tract. Scr.	78	Phila. Traction.	95½
To preferred....	46	Phila. Elec. Co.	10¾
Electric Storage.	19	Tidewater Steel ..	2
Elec. Co. of Am.	10¾	Do preferred ...	9
Lehigh Valley ..	54	Union Traction ..	34
Marsden	4	United Gas Impt.	104¾
Penna. R. R.....	67⅜		

Higher Prices for Pig Iron.

NEW YORK, Dec. 15.—(Special.)—Some pig iron has been sold by southern operators for the second quarter of 1905 at $14 a ton. Iron for the first quarter delivery has gone as high as $13.75 a ton. Predictions of $15 for No. 2 pig iron for June delivery are made. This would be equivalent to about $18 60 New York, and would bring the price to the point where German iron could be imported as a commercial proposition.

Express Companies Stocks.

Adams	216	United States	115
American	205	Wells-Fargo	237

COMPLETE RECORD OF THE NEW YORK STOCKS.

Daily range of prices reported by Messrs. Henry Sproul & Co., Peoples Savings Bank building, members of New York, Philadelphia, Pittsburgh and Chicago stock exchanges, and Chicago board of trade.

ACTIVE LIST.

STOCKS. Sales.	Open	High	Low.	Close Bid.
25200 A., T. & S. F...	82⅝	83½	82½	83½
1600 Do preferred...	102¼	102¼	101¾	101¾
500 Am. Cotton Oil..	35	35	35	34½
Do preferred...	....	....	....	94
2700 Am. Sugar Ref..	138½	139½	138½	138⅝
Do preferred.	....	....	....	137
1700 Am. Locomotive.	31¼	31½	31	31⅜
200 Do preferred.	....	....	....	101
2400 Am. Car Fdry....	30¾	30⅞	29¾	30⅜
300 Do preferred...	90½	91	90½	90¾
81900 Amal. Copper....	64	66	63⅜	64½
1000 Anaconda Copper.	100	102½	100	100
3900 Am. S. & Ref....	78¾	78⅞	78	78⅜
Do preferred.	....	....	....	112
300 Am. Ice.....	7⅞	8⅛	7½	7⅞
400 Do preferred....	58¼	58½	58¼	58½
22300 Balto. & Ohio....	104¾	105¼	99	99½
Do preferred.	....	....	....	95
6200 Brk. Rap. Tran..	58⅞	59½	58	58
800 Can. Pacific.....	128⅞	129⅜	128¾	128¾
4300 Chicago & G. W.	22⅜	22⅜	22⅛	22
2800 Consol. Gas.....	200½	202¾	200½	201½
300 C., C., C. & St. L.	89	89	89	87½
3200 Con. & Ohio....	46¾	47	46½	46½
600 Chicago & Alton.	39¼	40⅝	38⅜	39¾
Do preferred.	....	....	....	80
1100 Chicago & N.W..	202	204	202	203½
9700 Col. Fuel & Iron.	43¼	46⅜	42⅜	43
1100 Corn Product....	20⅝	20½	20⅛	20⅜
Do preferred....	....	....	....	74½
1000 Col. Southern....	21	21¼	20½	21⅛
400 Do 1st pfd.....	56⅜	57	56⅜	56⅝
400 Do 2d pfd.....	33¼	34	33½	33⅝
1500 Del. & Hudson...	185½	186½	184⅜	184½
15800 Erie	36	36½	35½	35⅝
3700 Do 1st pfd.....	73¾	74⅛	73½	73¾
200 Do 2d pfd.....	54	54	54	54
800 Gen. Electric....	184⅜	184⅝	184	184
100 Hocking Valley..	89	89	89	88½
100 Do preferred..	92½	92½	92½	92½
5400 Illinois Central..	152¼	153¼	152¼	152¾
3400 Internat. Paper..	24½	24¾	23⅜	24⅝

STOCKS WERE IRREGULAR, BUT CLOSED SLIGHTLY HIGHER

Dealings Were the Smallest for Any Full Day for More Than a Month—Pittsburgh Coal Declined on the Local Board.

By JOHN O. BAGLIN, Financial Editor.

There was much irregularity in the New York stock market yesterday, but the net changes showed slight advances for the day. The dealings, however, fell below 500,000 shares for the first time for any full day for a month. With one exception the total was even smaller than for any two-hour session on Saturday since the presidential election. This is the best commentary upon the character of the dealings. The outside public has reduced its interest in the market to a minimum, and the professional traders are apparently waiting for some new move by Mr. Lawson. Every Wall street commission broker who yesterday expressed a public opinion said that the influence of the Boston speculator was waning, and that in a few days it would be a thing of the past. At the same time these commission brokers were keeping an ear toward Boston, and seemed to be relieved when the day passed without the appearance of a half page advertisement. It is altogether within the probabilities that the reaction would have come and the wild trading subsided in the due course of events, without the aid of outside influence, and it is also undoubtedly true that if in January money becomes as easy as expected, and if present railroad returns continue favorable, the public will by the middle of January have forgotten that there was a man named Lawson. Ninety-five roads which have thus far reported net earnings for the month of October show an average increase of 9.80 per cent, and 36 roads which have reported for the first week in December show an average increase in gross of 7.36 per cent. In the absence of unusually severe weather during the remainder of this month and through January, the comparative railroad earnings should be even more favorable, they will compare with periods when operating costs were increased by snow blockades, while at the same time gross earnings were decreased. Now the railroads have reduced operating expenses and gross earnings are increasing. Comparative earnings of industrial corporations should also be favorable, so that the indications are, if the market remains quiet for the next few weeks, there will be an accumulation of "bull" ammunition which will be utilized during the first quarter of 1905.

London prices for American securities came lower yesterday. United States Steel showing the largest decline. Wall street ignored the foreign market and during the first hour there was a smart rise in prices. On this advance traders took profits, causing a reaction to opening prices. Later there was a fair recovery, followed by a rather vigorous drive against values. This drive, however, did not bring much liquidation, and the market finally closed fairly steady at average net gains. United States Steel common closed at a decline of ⅞ per cent, but the preferred closed 1 per cent higher. Amalgamated Copper was less active and irregular than of late. It opened at 64, advanced to 65½, declined rather sharply to 63¾, again rallied to 66 and closed at 64½, a net gain of 1⅜ per cent. The Pennsylvania group, also the anthracite coalers, were firm and higher. Reading and Norfolk & Western closing at the largest net gains. Atchison was well supported, rallying to and closing at 88½, a gain of 1⅜ per cent. Louisville & Nashville at one time sold down to 136⅝, but recovered to and closed at 138¾. The Harriman group of stocks closed at an average advance of nearly 1 per cent.

The money market remained easy within a range of 2⅜ to 3 per cent all day. A small lot of gold coin was taken for shipment to South America, but no additional engagements were announced for Europe. The weekly statements of the Bank of England and the Bank of France did not throw any light upon the foreign demand for gold, the changes in the various items being insignificant.

Weakness in Pittsburgh Coal was the only feature of a dull local stock market. On sales of a little more than 1,000 shares the common broke to 21 and rallied only a fraction from the lowest. The preferred sold down to 80 and closed at 80½. United States Steel common was moderately active and firm, but the other steel issues were dull and lower. Only 10 shares Air Brake and 40 shares Westinghouse Electric changed hands all day. National Fire Proofing common declined to 11 while the preferred advanced to 33½, but subsequently reacted to 33¼. Tonopah Extension Mining sold at $3.10, the highest price ever quoted. Three shares Union Trust changed hands at $2,500 a share, unchanged from the last previous sale. Colonial Trust sold at 380, a decline of 5 points. The remainder of the market was featureless.

PITTSBURGH STOCKS.

Sales on the Pittsburgh stock exchange yesterday were as follows:

10:00 A. M. to 10:30 A. M.

100 A. Y. pfd....	31	50 Pgh. Coal....	22⅞
50 U. S. Steel...	27½	10 do....	22⅞
50 Crucible	9	50 do....	22⅞
50 do....	9	10 do....	22⅞
20 Fire P. pfd..	85¼	10 P. Oil & Gas.	72⅝
$1000 P., McK. & C. 5s 100		10 do....	72⅝
20 Cons. Ice....	8	40 do....	73
50 Pgh. Coal pfd.	81¼	5 W. Airbrake.	140
5c do....	81	20 Colonial Tr....	380
50 Pgh. Coal....	22⅞	5 do....	380
40 do....	22¾	10 G. A. S. & T.	161

10:30 A. M. to 11:00 A. M.

100 U. S. Steel..	27⅜	40 A. Y. pfd....	31
100 do....	27	35 Crucible pfd..	48½
100 do....	27⅛	15 do....	48½
100 do....	27⅛	$1000 P., McK. & C. 5s.....100	
50 do....	27⅛		
10 Home Trust..124½			

11:00 A. M. to 12:30 P. M.

200 A. Val. pfd..	81	5 Riv. Coal pfd.	29
200 Tonopah Ext.	2.95	2 do....	29½
100 U. S. Steel..	27¼	50 Pgh. Coal....	22
25 do....	27¼	10 do....	22¼
10 P. Oil & Gas.	73	10 do....	21¾
20 Crucible	84	100 do....	21¾
30 do....	83½	50 do....	21¾
40 do....	83½	10 do....	21⅝
10 do....	83½	80 do....	21½
20 Crucible pfd..	48¼	50 Pgh. Coal pfd.	80¼
50 do....	48	15 do....	80¼
20 do....	48	50 do....	80¼
10 Fire P. pfd...	33½	100 do....	80¾
10 do....	33¼	100 do....	80¼
20 do....	33¼	100 do....	80
2 Fire Proofing.	10¾	185 do....	80

12:30 P. M. to 2:00 P. M.

100 Consol. Ice....	8¼	100 Sewer Pipe....	26½
25 Pgh. Coal....	22	5 Fire P. pfd....	83¼
100 do....	22	25 U. S. St'l pfd.	88¾
25 do....	21½	40 Electric Ltg..	80
25 do....	21½	10 Monon. Water	45
60 do....	21½	50 Pgh. Coal pfd.	80¾
50 do....	21½	100 Fire Proofing.	11½
10 do....	21½	20 do....	11¼

2:00 P. M. to 2:30 P. M.

5 Pgh. Coal pfd	80½	50 Fire Proofing..	11
25 do....	80½	5 P. Oil & Gas.	72½
5 W. Airbrake.	140	25 U. S. St'l pfd.	89
50 Fire Proofing	11	20 Sewer Pipe....	26½
50 do....	11	3 Union Trust..2500	
25 do....	11		

2:30 P. M. to 3:00 P. M.

24 M. L. & H....	39	500 Tonopah Ext.	3.10
40 Pgh. Coal....	21½	40 Monon. Water	45
50 do....	21¼	100 U. S. Steel..	27⅝
100 do....	21	20 Pgh. Coal pfd.	80½
50 do....	21	*144 S. & R. pfd.	15½
10 do....	21½	*94 Stove & R'ge.	8½

*At auction for account.

Summary.

Sales		High.	Low.	Last Sales.	Chge.
340	Ally. Val. pfd.	31	31	31	+½
120	Cons. Gas com.	8¾	8	8¼	+¼
260	Crucible Steel.	9	8¾	8¾	−⅛
140	Do pfd.....	48¼	48	48	−⅛
297	Fire Proofing..	11¼	*10⅝	11	−¼
65	Do pfd.....	33½	32¾	33¼	+⅛
24	M. L. & H....	39	39	39	0
70	Mon. Water....	*45	45	45	−5
1065	Pgh. Coal.....	22⅞	21	21¼	−1¼
800	Do pfd.....	81½	80	80½	−¾
85	P. Oil & Gas...	73	*72½	*72½	−½
8	Riv. Coal pfd..	29½	29	29½	0

3165	BONDS.				
$2000	P. McK. & C. 5s	100	100	100	0

*Less than 10 shares. †New high mark. ‡At auction.

Closing Bids and Offers.

BANK STOCKS.	Par.	Bid.	Ask.
Allegheny National Bank	$ 50	....	140
Bank of Pittsburgh	50	....	170
Arsenal Bank	50	145	....
Exchange National	50	87	90
Farmers Deposit National	....	....	1400
Federal National	100	185	189
First National, Pittsburgh	100	....	410
German National, Pittsburgh	100	....	260
Marine National	100	....	100
Metropolitan National	100	....	190
Nat. Bank of Western Pa.	100	....	220
Second National, Pittsburgh	100	740	775
Traders & Mechanics	50	70	....
Fourth National	100	....	160
Real Estate Trust	100	....	260
Safe Deposit & Trust, Pgh.	100	....	450
Commonwealth Trust	100	198	210
Iron City Trust	100	138	140
Bank of Secured Savings	50	76	....
MISCELLANEOUS.			
Manufacturers Light & Heat	50	38¾	39
Ohio Fuel Supply	25	....	41½
Pittsburgh Oil & Gas	100	72	72½
Citizens Traction	50	....	70
Tonopah Extension	1	3.09	3.10
Luster Mining	....	11⅛	....
Allegheny Valley R. R. pfd.	50	31½	31½
Westinghouse Electric	50	85½	....
American Window Glass pfd.	100	45	50
Consolidated Ice	50	8	....
Do preferred	50	....	87½
Crucible Steel	100	8¾	9
Do preferred	100	47½	48
Harbison-Walker Co. pfd	100	62	....
Monongahela River Coal pfd.	50	28⅞	30
Monongahela Water	25	44	47
National Fire Proofing	50	10⅝	11⅜
Do preferred	50	33¼	33½
Philadelphia Co.	50	41	41½
Do preferred	50	46¾	....
Pittsburgh Brewing	50	26½	26½
Do preferred	50	46⅜	46½
Pittsburgh Coal	100	21⅜	22
Do preferred	100	80½	81
Pittsburgh Plate Glass	100	128	130
Pittsburgh Steel & Range pfd	50	14	....
United States Glass	100	47½	48½
United States Steel	100	27½	....
Do preferred	100	....	88¾
Westinghouse Airbrake	50	145	150
American Sewer Pipe	100	26¾	26½
BONDS.			
Pgh., McK. & Conn. 1st 5s	....	99½	....
Monongahela L. & P. 5s	....	....	100
Pittsburgh Brewing 6s	....	....	100
Monongahela Street Ry. 5s	....	....	115
Pittsburgh-Buffalo 5s	....	103	....
American Sewer Pipe 6s	....	....	100

PIG IRON WARRANTS.

The following quotations were made on warrants of the American Pig Iron Storage Warrant Company:

Class.	Bid.	Asked.
A—February delivery	$17.95	$18.20
B—February delivery	16.95	17.20
D—February delivery	17.15	17.25
A—December delivery	17.95	18.20
A—January delivery	17.95	18.20
D—December delivery	16.85	....
D—January delivery	17.10	17.25

NOTES AND COMMENT.

Judging from the attendance in brokers' offices there is no falling off in public interest in the stock market, but the report of transactions shows that there has been a great falling off in orders. Sales in New York yesterday were smaller than on a half holiday, and in Pittsburgh they fell to about a fourth of the recent total. The fact that the New York market held firm in the face of the dullness and closed at net gains for the day is construed as favorable, indicating that forced liquidation was completed in the big days earlier in the week. Commission houses have had the opportunity to communicate with customers and margins have evidently been strengthened. On the Pittsburgh stock exchange there was an absence of supporting orders in Pittsburgh Coal on the decline, indicating that the market was being allowed to take care of itself. The steel stocks were very quiet, and altogether it was a listless day in the market.

At a meeting of the directors of the Pittsburgh stock exchange after the close of the market yesterday the securities of the Pittsburgh Warehouse, Terminal and Storage Company were ordered listed. There are $3,000,000 capital stock divided into shares of the par value of $100 each, and $1,000,000 5 per cent 20-year bonds. The Pittsburgh Trust Company is register for the securities of the company. James I. Buchanan is president, Capt. James A. Henderson vice president, and George W. C. Johnston secretary and treasurer.

The apparent inconsistency of the ruling in reference to reporting over the local stock ticker transactions on the Pittsburgh stock exchange received an illustration yesterday. There was a sale of three shares Union Trust at $2,500 a share, representing $7,500, which under the ruling making 10 shares of bank stocks the minimum that may be reported over the ticker was not transmitted to the customers of the service. A little earlier in the day there was a sale of two shares National Fire Proofing common at 10⅝, representing a total money value of $21 50, which was duly sent out over the ticker. The majority opinion among brokers and customers of the ticker service is that all legitimate transactions should be reported.

From noon until 4 o'clock tomorrow afternoon the officers and directors of the Land Trust Company, 315 Fourth avenue, will be present to welcome friends of the institution to an inspection of the new home. The improvements which have just been completed make the banking room one of the handsomest in the city.

Just before the close of the market 21¼ was bid for 1,000 shares Pittsburgh Coal common.

The New York and Boston stock exchanges will be closed on Saturday, December 24, and on Monday, December 26, and members of the Pittsburgh stock exchange will vote today on the question of closing on the same days.

Masten & Co. were the sellers and Robinson Bros. the buyers of the Union Trust changing hands.

A member of the firm of Kuhn, Loeb & Co. says: "While our house is not in the habit of making public affirmations or denials of current rumors or reports, we wish to have as wide publicity as possible given to the denial by our firm, printed by the New York News Bureau this morning, that Kuhn, Loeb & Co. have any interest in or are in any way concerned, directly or indirectly, in any negotiations regarding the control of the Lehigh Coal and Navigation Company's stock."

The payment of a 4 8-10 per cent dividend on the underwriting of the Cuban $5,000,000 5 per cent loan closes one of the most successful underwriting ventures of the kind in recent years. The bonds are now quoted around 102½. They are very inactive and appear to have gone to the most conservative class of investors.

The South Hills Trust Company has declared a semi-annual dividend of $2 a share, payable December 21 to stock of record December 21.

The Union Switch and Signal dividends are payable January 10 to stock of record December 31.

The dividend of 50 cents a share on the common stock of the International Smokeless Powder Company, just announced, is an increase in the rate from 3 per cent to 4 per cent per annum, the previous quarterly dividends having been 37½ cents. The significance of this increase is stated to be that the Du Pont International Powder preferred stock will at once get an increased dividend sufficient to make 5½ per cent for the year 1904, or 1⅜ per cent three quarterly dividends at the rate of 5 per cent per annum, or 1¼ per cent quarterly having already been declared.

Philadelphia—American Iron and Steel directors have declared a dividend of 1¾ per cent on the preferred stock, payable January 2 as registered December 24.

National Sugar Company directors have declared the 1½ per cent regular quarterly dividend on the preferred stock, payable January 5.

Morgenthaler Linotype Company has declared regular dividend of 2½ per cent and an extra dividend of 5 per cent, payable December 31 to stockholders of record on December 17.

Minneapolis & St. Paul directors have declared the regular semi-annual dividend of 2½ per cent on the preferred stock, payable January 15 to stock of record January 1. No action was taken regarding a dividend on the common stock, which was passed last June. In December, 1903, a dividend of 2½ per cent was declared on the common stock.

Philadelphia, Baltimore & Washington directors have declared the regular semi-annual dividend of 2 per cent, payable December 31.

The American Type Founders' Company directors have declared a dividend of 1¾ per cent on the preferred stock and a dividend of 1 per cent on the common stock, both dividends payable January 15 to stock of record January 10.

Virginia-Carolina Chemical directors have declared the regular quarterly dividend of 2 per cent on preferred stock, payable January 16.

Fisk & Robinson are offering in another column the unsold portion of an issue of $5,000,000 first mortgage 4½ per cent bonds of the Buffalo & Susquehanna Railway Company. This company controls 311 miles of road, of which 84 miles are owned directly and 227 miles through the ownership of the entire common capital stock of the Buffalo & Susquehanna Railroad Company, a corporation which, for the past five years, has shown earnings on its common stock in excess of the interest requirements of this issue of bonds. The property under the lien of the mortgage is estimated to be worth about $10,000,000. Having sold the larger part of the present issue of $5,000,000, Fisk & Robinson offer the balance at 101 and accrued interest, at which price the bonds net approximately 4½ per cent. Subscription books opened December 15 and close December 17.

An issue of $8,200,000 Detroit United Railway first consolidated mortgage 4½ per cent 30-year gold bonds is offered to investors by Kean, Van Cortlandt & Co. of New York at 94½ per cent and accrued interest. The interest is payable January 1 and July 1, and the principal January 1, 1932. The Detroit United Railway owns and operates 328 miles of standard gauge track, constituting practically the entire street railway system of Detroit. The total issue of these bonds is $25,000,000, of which only $10,700,000 are outstanding, including the amount now offered. Of the remainder $5,020,000 are reserved to take up underlying liens and $5,280,000 for improvements and acquisition of new property. With the proceeds of the new offered bonds the company will retire $6,585,000 Detroit Citizens Street Railway, due July 1 next, and then the new mortgage will become a first lien on the most profitable portion of Detroit United Railway System. During the year ending December 31 last the company earned a surplus of $311,861 over all charges and 4 per cent dividends upon its stock, and for the 10 months ending October 31 of this year the surplus was $240,842. The subscription list will be opened December 17 at 10 a. m. and closed on December 22, or earlier, at the pleasure of the bankers.

Condition of the Treasury.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 15.—Today's statement of the treasury balances in the general fund, exclusive of the $150,000,000 gold reserve in the division of redemption, shows: Available cash balance, $143,539,56; gold, $86,012,978; silver, $5,089,768; United States notes, $4,158,294; treasury notes of 1890, $41,182; national bank notes, $13,014,087; total receipts this day, $1,340,427; total receipts this month, $23,655,178; total receipts this year, $256,257,126; total expenditures this day, $1,750,000; total expenditures this month, $21,580,000; total expenditures this year, $289,511,747; deposits in national banks, $122,894,307.

FEATURES OF THE DAY

IN PITTSBURGH.

Bank exchanges increased $1,100,000 over the same day last year.

The stock market was dull and prices averaged lower.

Pittsburgh Coal common broke to 21 and recovered to 21½ at the close. The preferred stock sold down to 80 and recovered to 80½.

Westinghouse stocks were dull and closed slightly lower.

Union Trust sold at $2,500 a share and Colonial Trust at $380.

IN WALL STREET.

Dullest day for over a month in the New York stock market.

The sales foot up only 734,900 shares stock and $3,235,000 bonds.

Amalgamated Copper and Steel preferred were the strongest of the industrials.

Atchison and Reading were the strongest of the railroads and closed higher.

Other railroad stocks closed ½ to 1 per cent higher for the day.

Call loans ranged between 2¾ and 3 per cent and time loans were easy.

NEW YORK CLOSING BONDS.

U. S. ref. 2s, reg.	104½	*Man. con gold 4s.	104⅜
Do coupon	104½	Mexican Cent. 4s..	7
C. S. 3s, reg....	104⅜	Do 1st inc....	23½
Do coupon....	104¼	Minn & St. L. 4s.	96½
U. S. new 4s, reg.	130⅜	M., K. & T. 4s..	100
Do coupon....	131	Do 2ds	85
U. S. old 4s, reg.	106⅝	N. R. R. of M. con. 4s	81⅞
Do coupon....	106⅝	*N. Y. C. gen. 3½s.	100½
Atchison gen. 4s.	102⅞	*N. J. C. gen. 5s.	136
*Do adjt. 4s...	94⅝	North. Pacific 4s.	105¾
A. Coast Line 4s.	98⅜	Do 3s.....	84
B. & O. 4s.....	100⅜	N. & W. con. 4s.	100⅜
Do 3½s.....	90	O. S. L. & Pacific.	105⅝
Cent. of Ga. 5s..	11	Penna. conv. 3½s.	102⅛
Do 1st inc....	91	Reading gen. 4s..	102¼
*C. & O. 4½s....	107	S. L. & I.M con. 5s.	116½
C. & A. 5½s....	82	S. L. & S.F.G. 4s	89⅜
C. B. & Q. new 4s.	100	St. L. S. W. 1sts.	98
C. M. & St. P. g. 4s.	111⅜	Seaboard A. L. 4s	83¼
C. & N. con. 7s.	129	South. Pacific 4s..	93⅞
C., R. I. & P. 4s.	89¼	Southern Ry. 5s...	119¾
Do col. 5s....	93	*Tex. & Pac. 1sts.	119
C. C. C. & St. L. g.	4s. 101	T., St. L. & W. 5s.	83¼
Chic. Term. 4s....	85	Union Pacific 4s..	106⅝
Chic. Tobacco 4s..	79	Do conv. 4s....	108¾
Col. & South. 4s.	89¾	U. S. Steel 2d 5s	105⅝
D. & R. G. 4s...	102	*Wabash 1sts	117
Erie prior lien 4s.	107½	Do Deb. B.....	69¾
Do general 4s.	97¾	W. & L. E. 4s....	101½
F. W. & D. 1st	107½	Wilson. Cent. 4s.	90¼
Hock. Val. 4½s.	111¼	Col. Fuel c.5s, offs	84⅞
L. & N. unif. 4s.	103½		

Total sales, par value, $3,235,000.

*Bid.

Electric Stocks at Boston.

Edison Elec. Ill.	252	Mass. Elec. pfd..	61
General Electric.	183	Westinghouse	85
Mass. Electric....	14		

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$8,200,000 DETROIT UNITED RAILWAY

FIRST CONSOLIDATED MORTGAGE 4½% 30-YEAR GOLD BONDS

Dated January 1st, 1902. Principal payable January 1st, 1932
Interest payable January 1st and July 1st.

Coupon bonds of the denomination of $1,000, with privilege of registration as to principal.

GUARANTY TRUST COMPANY OF NEW YORK, Trustee

THESE BONDS ARE SUBJECT TO CALL IN WHOLE OR IN PART AT 105 PER CENT AND ACCRUED INTEREST ON ANY DATE UPON 60 DAYS PREVIOUS NOTICE.

New York, December 12, 1904.

The undersigned will receive subscriptions for the above bonds at 94½% and accrued interest.

The subscription list will be opened at the office of the undersigned at 10 A. M. Saturday, December 17, 1904, and will be closed at 3 P. M. Thursday, December 22, 1904, or earlier, at the pleasure of the undersigned. Subscriptions will also be received simultaneously by Messrs. H. Oyens & Zoren, Amsterdam, thus assuring an international market for the bonds.

Allotments will be made as soon as possible after the subscription lists are closed, the right being reserved to award a smaller amount than applied for or to reject any application.

The first payment of 10% will be stamped upon the letters of allotment. Upon delivery of these, indorsed in blank, to the Guaranty Trust Company of New York, on January 15, 1905, and the additional payment of 25%, temporary bond certificates to bearer will be delivered.

Payment for the bonds alloted is to be made in New York funds, as follows:

On allotment, 10%.....viz. $100.00 per $1,000 Bond
On January 15, 1905, 25%.....viz. $250.00 per $1,000 Bond
On July 1, 1905, 59½%, deducting interest at the rate of 3% on previous payments.....viz. $589.19 per $1,000 Bond

Total, 94½%.....viz. $939.10 per $1,000 Bond

Payments may also be made in full, allowing interest at the rate of 4½% per annum until date of delivery.

For particulars regarding the property covered by these bonds we invite your attention to the accompanying letter of Mr. J. C. Hutchins, President of the Detroit United Railway. Copies of the mortgage securing these bonds, and any further information desired may be obtained by application at our office.

Application will be made in due course to list the above bonds on the New York and Amsterdam Stock Exchanges.

KEAN, VAN CORTLANDT & CO.,
30 PINE STREET, NEW YORK.

DETROIT UNITED RAILWAY.

DETROIT, MICH., December 10, 1904.

MESSRS. KEAN, VAN CORTLANDT & CO.,
New York.

DEAR SIRS:

Referring to the Detroit United Railway First Consolidated Mortgage 4½% 30-Year Gold Bonds which you have purchased, I beg to give you the following particulars in regard to these bonds and also the property of the Detroit United Railway.

The Detroit United Railway was organized in December, 1900, to consolidate all the electric street railways, an to purchase, own and construct new lines in the City of Detroit, Mich., and the surrounding territory, and has acquired ownership of the following properties:

DETROIT CITIZENS STREET RAILWAY COMPANY,
DETROIT SUBURBAN RAILWAY,
DETROIT ELECTRIC RAILWAY,
DETROIT, FT. WAYNE & BELLE ISLE RAILWAY,
DETROIT & NORTHWESTERN RAILWAY,
DETROIT & PONTIAC RAILWAY,
WYANDOTTE & DETROIT RIVER RAILWAY,
DETROIT & FLINT RAILWAY,
DETROIT & PORT HURON SHORE LINE RAILWAY (RAPID RAILWAY SYSTEM),
SANDWICH, WINDSOR & AMHERSTBURG RAILWAY.

The above properties aggregating 533 miles of standard gauge track, all laid with heavy steel rails, constitute all the street railways in the City of Detroit and in the surrounding country, with the exception of two lines, which have access to Detroit over the lines of the Detroit United Railway.

The authorized issue of Detroit United Railway First Consolidated Mortgage 4½% Bonds is $25,000,000, to be issued as follows:

RESERVED FOR UNDERLYING LIENS	$ 9,020,000	
RESERVED FOR IMPROVEMENTS AND ACQUISITION OF NEW PROPERTY	5,280,000	
	$14,300,000	
OUTSTANDING, INCLUDING THE $8,200,000 YOU HAVE PURCHASED	10,700,000	$25,000,000

These bonds were issued partly to retire on or before maturity $6,585,000 Detroit Citizens Street Railway 5% Bonds, due July 1, 1905, after which they will become a first mortgage on about 68 miles of the lines formerly known as the Detroit Citizens Street Railway (the most profitable portion of the Detroit United Railway System, embracing the principal avenues and streets in the City of Detroit), and a mortgage, subject to only $140,000 bonds, due January 1, 1908, on the remaining portion of the old Detroit Citizens Street Railway, about 37 miles of road; these bonds are also a first mortgage on the principal power-house and car houses and other valuable real estate. The First Consolidated Mortgage 4½% Bonds will eventually become a first mortgage on the entire property of the Detroit United Railway.

The power-houses, roadbed, general equipment and property of the Detroit United Railway are in first-class condition.

The franchises of the various constituent companies of the Detroit United Railway run in most part for a number of years. The few that expire earlier cover property so situated in respect to franchises running for longer periods, that the City of Detroit will find it to its interest to renew them on equitable terms. The intrinsic value of Detroit Railway property largely exceeds its entire bonded debt.

The authorized and outstanding capital stock of the Detroit United Railway is $12,500,000, upon which quarterly dividends have been paid since 1900, at the rate of 4% per annum. The present earnings are equal to over 9% on the outstanding stock issue.

The earnings of the properties comprising the Detroit United Railway for the years since 1900 have been as follows:

	FOR YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31st,			10 MONTHS TO OCT. 31st,
	1901.	1902.	1903.	1904.
GROSS EARNINGS	$2,919,171	$3,961,402	$4,386,974	$3,783,155
OPERATING EXPENSES AND TAXES	1,596,766	2,260,756	2,613,976	2,311,791
NET EARNINGS	$1,322,405	$1,700,646	$1,772,998	$1,473,364
OTHER INCOME	23,066	31,247	38,803	34,134
TOTAL INCOME	$1,345,471	$1,731,893	$1,811,801	$1,507,498
INTEREST CHARGES	675,343	948,992	1,000,000	591,653
BALANCE OVER CHARGES	$670,128	$782,961	$811,801	$915,845
4% DIVIDENDS	500,000	500,000	500,000	375,000
SURPLUS	$170,128	$282,961	$311,801	$240,843

Yours very truly,
(Signed) J. C. HUTCHINS, President.

PRESENT INACTIVITY IS GOOD FOR THE MARKET

Banking Interests Welcome Quiet Speculation Which Followed Lawson's Attacks.

[BY PRIVATE WIRE TO THE GAZETTE.]

NEW YORK, Dec. 16.—The Herald this (Friday) morning says:

The stock market showed a contraction in the volume of business yesterday. The quietude of the speculation was regarded by banking interests as the very best thing which could happen to the market at this time, particularly so while the possibility remains of future assaults from Boston on numerous unmentioned issues.

The trading of the day was largely of a professional character, and the impression was created that the pools and cliques would do little more for some time than attempt to hold their specialties steady at about the prevailing range of prices. This determination was regarded by all as the wisest course to pursue under the circumstances. Prices generally showed slight improvement, but there was some nervousness still in the market, which developed at the close.

The undeniable feeling of apprehension present at the close of the preceding day's market passed away, as the cause of the disquietude became generally known in better informed financial quarters. Uneasiness had been occasioned by the rumors of heavy losses in a life insurance company. It developed that the institution was the Washington Life, but that arrangements had already been made to make good its impaired surplus.

As one feature of the Boston attacks had been leveled against insurance companies, while uncertainty existed as to the institution, and the rumors continued undefined, disquietude was only natural. This was speedily dispated yesterday, and sentiment improved.

Mr. Lawson's expected attack on his selected list of properties did not materialize, and Mr. Dawson himself informed his friends, and enemies as well, they had been deceived in the reports circulated Wednesday by certain Wall street bears. He gleefully stated, however, he would have more to say later.

Boston Stocks and Bonds.

Atchison	88⅝	American Sugar...	135⅝
Do preferred....	101⅜	Do preferred....	138
Boston & Albany.	251½	Am. Tel. & Tel.	143¾
Boston & Maine.	184	American Woolen	18¾
†Boston Elevated.	153	Do preferred....	79
Fitchburg pfd...	135¾	Dom. Iron & Steel	18⅛
Mexican Central.	20½	Massachusetts Gas	87¾
N. Y., N. H. & H.	196	United Fruit	106
*Para Marquette.	78	United Shoe Mach.	50
Union Pacific	107¾	Do preferred....	51½
Am. Arge. Chem.	21	U. S. Steel.....	27¾
Do preferred....	86	Do preferred....	88½
Am. Pneu. Tube.	8¾		

*Bid. †Asked.

New York Curb Stocks.

(Reported by Henry Sproul & Co.)

Amer. Tin Plate..	10⅜	Internat. Salt. 5s..	62
Do preferred....	58½	North. Securities.	125½
Bay State Gas....	4-16	Otis Elevator	44
Electric Vehicle.	11	Do preferred....	90½
Do preferred....	21	Seaboard Air Line	17¾
Chem. Corn. Cop.	75¾	Do preferred....	36¾
Guggenheim	166½	Standard Oil	630
Int. Met. Mach....	5	Tennessee Copper.	26
Do preferred....	27½	Tonopah	9
International Salt	20		

Philadelphia Closing Bids.

American Sug....	48	Penna. Steel	45
Cambria Steel....	25	Do preferred....	95
Cambria Iron	47	Phila. Co.	41¾
Cons. Trac. N. J.	77¾	Do preferred....	46
Cons. Lake Supe.	8	Phila. Traction..	88½
Do preferred....	16	Phila. Elec. Co.	10½
Electric Storage..	79	Tidewater Steel ..	2
Elec. Co. of Am.	10½	Do preferred....	3¾
Lehigh Valley ..	64	Union Traction ..	58½
Metolen	4	United Gas Impt.	104⅝
Penna. R. R.....	67⅜		

Higher Prices for Pig Iron.

NEW YORK, Dec. 15.—(Special.)—Some pig iron has been sold by southern operators for the second quarter of 1905 at $14 a ton. Iron for the first quarter delivery has gone as high as $13 75 a ton. Predictions of $15 for No. 2 pig iron for June delivery are made. This would be equivalent to about $19 80 New York, and would bring the price to the point where German iron could be imported at a small profit.

Express Companies Stocks.

Adams	200	United States	135
American	205	Wells-Fargo	237

COMPLETE RECORD OF THE NEW YORK STOCKS.

Daily range of prices reported by Messrs. Henry Sproul & Co., Peoples Savings Bank building, members of New York, Philadelphia, Pittsburgh and Chicago stock exchanges, and Chicago board of trade.

ACTIVE LIST.

Sales.	STOCKS.	Open.	High.	Low.	Close Bid.
25200	A., T. & S. F....	82⅝	83½	82½	83½
1000	Do preferred....	102¼	102⅝	101½	101⅝
500	Am. Cotton Oil..	35	35	35	34½
	Do preferred....	....	....	....	94
2700	Am. Sugar Ref..	138½	139½	138½	138⅝
	Do preferred....	....	....	....	137
1700	Am. Locomotive.	31¾	31½	31	31⅜
200	Do preferred....	....	....	....	101
2400	Am. Car F'dry..	30½	30¾	30¼	30¾
300	Do preferred....	90¾	91	90¼	90¼
81900	Amal. Copper....	64	66	63⅜	64½
1000	Anaconda Copper.	100	102½	100	100
3000	Am. S. & Ref....	78¼	78⅝	78	78⅜
	Do preferred....	....	....	....	112
300	Am. Ice.....	....	8½	....	7¾
400	Do preferred....	38¾	38½	38¼	38¼

MARKET LINES REMAIN SLOW, DESPITE THE CUTS

Heavy Reductions of Wednesday Failed to Stir Trade in the Produce World.

After the heavy cuts of Wednesday, the produce market settled down to a state of stagnation yesterday. There was little business doing and buyers seemed to be holding off in hope of further reductions. No changes were noted, however, and the receipts of yesterday do not appear to warrant any change for lower figures in the immediate future. Trade is not brisk, however, and dealers may decide to cut prices again simply as an inducement for buyers.

There are 26 cars of Christmas trees in the local yards at present and eight cars of holly. Many more carloads will arrive within the next day or two and it is believed trees and greens will be much cheaper before the glad day rolls around. The chief business transacted along Liberty street yesterday was the sale of these goods. They were being sold by the wagonload and this gave the street a busy, as well as a festive appearance.

In the grocery world there was nothing doing of moment. Sugar and coffee are still the strong features of the market. Flour is weaker and a drop of considerable proportions is looked for almost any time. Retail dealers are chary of buying and order only enough for their immediate wants. They are careful not to be caught with a supply of high-priced flour in a falling market. The sugar situation is something the same. Retailers are not buying any more of the article at the present price than they can help. Still there is a great demand for it all over the country, and the reports from the east, where the prices are fixed, are that sugar is growing stronger instead of weaker. The same situation prevails with coffee.

Receipts of fruits and vegetables yesterday were as follows: Bananas, 1 car, making 19; cabbage, 1 car, making 90; cranberries, 2 car, making 3; grapes, 1 car, making 6; lemons, 2 cars, making 7; oranges, 1 car, making 15; miscellaneous, 3 cars, making 16.

HAY AND GRAIN.

Receipts.

Receipts of hay and grain yesterday were as follows: Pennsylvania lines, 22 cars hay, 16 cars corn, 4 cars straw, 4 cars feed, 10 cars oats, 3 cars rye, 1 car corn and oats; Pittsburgh & Lake Erie, 7 cars hay, 2 cars oats; Baltimore & Ohio, 5 cars hay, 1 car oats.

Settled conditions marked the hay and grain market yesterday. New ear corn showed very strong in the face of a heavy demand and light receipts. The market in mill feed is improving and prices were marked up slightly yesterday. Hay is one of the most satisfactory things in the market and good prices are now being realized on all good grades. Mixed hays are continuing to do better than for some time past and dealers predict a heavy run in this line now, believing that most of the best timothy has already been marketed.

No. 1 timothy....$18.25@19.50
No. 2 ....$12.00@12.50
No. 1 clov.$13.25@13.50
No. 1 mix.$12.75@13.00
Loose from wagon..$14.00@16.00
Straw, oat..$7.25@7.50
No. 2 wheat..$7.25@7.50
do rye..$12.00@12.50
No. 2 white oats....35½@36c
No. 3 oats....35@35¼c
No. 4 oats..33¾@34¼c
White middlings, No. 1, ton..$22.50@23.00
No. 2 mixed clings..$21.25@21.75
do brown..$19.00@19.50
Bran, ton..$19.25@19.75
White, No. 2 red, at mill...$1.00@1.08
New yellow shelled....40½@50c
New high mixed....48½@49c
New yellow ear....53¼@54c
No. 2 rye, western..90½@91c

BUTTER, EGGS AND CHEESE.

Butter.

Prints....30@30¼c
Tubs....29@29½c
Ohio creamery....25@26c
Dairy....21@22c
Renovated butter....20@22c
Cheese, N. Y., full cream, new..12¼@13c
do Ohio cream..12¼@13c
do Picnics..14½@15c
do ¼ cream, new....11@11½c
do Wis. Swiss, tubs....14@15c
do block....14@14½c
do imported..27@27½c
do Limburger....13@13½c
do 5-lb brk.14½@15c
Neufchatel, per box...90c@$1.00
Sheffford, box....95c
Eggs, selected....34c
do candled....31@32c
do storage....29@25c

PROVISIONS.

Hams.

18 lbs and up....9¼c
Over 14 to 18 lbs..9½c
Over 10 to 14 lbs..10c
10 lbs and under..10¼c
Skinned....10½c
Boneless boiled....17c
California....7¼c
Shoulders, N. Y. cut....8½c
do skinned....9c
Ribs, 8 to 10 lbs....11c
do 10 to 12 lbs..10c
do back strips..10c
do clears, 8 to 10 lbs....11¼c
do 10 to 12 lbs.10¾c

Breakfast bacon.

Back strips...10¼c
Dry salt sides, extra short clears...8¼c
Bellies, 20 to 25 lbs....8¾c
do 16 to 20 lbs....9c
do under 16 lbs...9¾c
Dry salt smoked sides, extra short clears..9½c
Bellies, 20 to 25 lbs....9¾c
do 16 to 20 lbs....10c
do under 16 lbs...10c
Lard, pure, tierces....7@7½c

GROCERIES.

Flour.

Fancy spg. patent, quarters, in paper.$6.30@6.65
Fancy winter patent...$5.85@6.05
Straight win.$5.45@5.60
Rye....$4.50@4.55
Graham....$4.65@4.75
Cornmeal, bbl....$3.25@3.40
do ½-lb cloth bags....16½@17c
Buckwheat....$3.00@3.25
Rolled oats, bbl...$4.25
do kegs....$2.40
Roasted Coffee.
Rio....14@14½c
Santos....15@22c
Maracaibo....15½@16c
Peaberry....18@18½c
Golden Rio....15½@16c
Caracas....20@20½c
Standard, bbls....13.55c
High grade.18½@19½c
Molasses, fancy refined....35@36c
do choice....31@34c
do open kett..37@39c
Syrup.
Fancy syrup....28@30c
Maple sugar, gal..$1.00
Sug. and cane..24@25c
Prime....24@25c
½-lb cans, doz...$1.80
¼-lb cans, doz...$1.10
5-lb cans, doz....$3.85
10-lb cans, doz...$7.40
Maple sugar....75c@$1.00
Oatmeal, bbl....$5.25
do kegs....$2.75
Sugar, sta. gran..5.85c
do bags....5.85c
do 2-lb carton..6.05c

CANNED GOODS.

Peaches, sta. pie..$1.10
do pie, gal.$2.50@3.00
do California, L. C. ..$1.05@2.25
do Maryland....$1.45@1.65
do California, Y. P. ..$2.00@2.60
Corn, fancy.$1.10@1.20
do stan....90c@$1.00
Cherries, Cal. white ..$2.50@2.75
Lima beans.$1.25@1.45
do soaked....75@80c
String beans, 2-lb..70c
do 3-lb....95c
Stringless beans ..$1.25@1.75
Peas, marrowfat....88@90c
do early June....92@95c
do soaked....55@65c
Apples, N. Y., gal. cans.$2.15@2.25
Pineapples ..$1.25@2.55
Plums, California..$1.55@1.60

PRODUCE.

Potatoes, bu. store....85@90c
Jersey sweets, kiln dried, bbl....$3.75@4.00
do hamp'r.$1.25@1.50
do crates..$1.35@1.40
Onions, yellow Danvers, bbl.$2.50@2.75
do bu....$1.10@1.15
Spanish, per crate....$1.75@1.85
Carrots, bbl.$1.75@1.75
do hamp'r.50c@$1.00
Parsnips, bbl....$1.50@1.75
Cucumbers, Boston doz....$1.75@2.00
Cabbage, domestic bbl....75c@$1.00
do ton...$11.00@12.00
do Savoy, bbl....$1.00@1.25
do German seed, ton ..$14.00@15.00
do bbl....$1.00@1.25
Ohio celery....20@30c
do Cal....60@65c
Brussels sprouts, quart....12½@15c
Spinach, do bu hamp'rs.65@75c
Honey, new....15@16c
Extra fancy 17c
do Miller's, 12 sec....18½c
Beets, bbls..$1.50@1.75
Popcorn, lb....4@5c
Eggplant, Florida, crates....$3.00@3.50
Squash, marrowfats, bbl.$1.00@1.25
do Hubbard, bbl....$1.25@1.50
Rutabagas ..$1.15@1.25
Peppers, bu. .90c@$1.00
Mushrooms, per lb....35@40c
Cauliflower, Cal. crates ..$2.25@2.50
Garlic, lb....7@8c
Cranberries, per crate.$1.75@2.25
Horseradish, bbl....$5.00@6.00
Turnips, bu. ....50@60c
do bbl....$1.50@1.75
Watercress, doz.45@50c
Lettuce, baskets....25c

FRUITS.

Lemons, Messinas ....$3.00@3.25
Oranges, Florida ..$2.25@2.75
Navel ....$2.75@3.25
Cocoanuts, bags ....$3.50@4.00
do doz....35@75c
Figs, cartons...75@80c
do layers....8@12c
do washed, stuffed, doz...$2.25
Dates, stuffed 18c
Bananas 1st.$1.50@2.00
do 2nds ..$1.00@1.50
Pineapples, crate ...$3.00@3.50
Tangerines, Fla. box $3.50
do ½ box....$1.75
Malaga grapes ..$5.00@6.00
do Catawba, 4-lb tub....10@11c
Grape fruit..$3.50@4.00
Apples, fancy Kings, bbl.$2.75@3.00
do Baldwin.$2.25@2.50
do Palisades (Col.) box $2.25
do other varieties.$2.25@2.50
Choice ....$1.25@1.50
Limes, per 100 ..75c@$1.00
Pears, Keifers, Ohio and N. Y., bbls....$2.00@2.50
do Cal. box....$3.00

SOUTHERN GREEN STUFF.

Tomatoes, Fla. crate ...$3.00@3.50
do Cal....$2.75@2.00
Shallots, doz....40@50c
Carrots, doz....60@65c
Endive, bbl..$3.50@4.00
Head lettuce, bbl....$3.50@4.00
Escarolle, bbl.$3.50@4.00
Spinach, doz....50@60c
Radishes, doz...15@25c
Green beans..$3.00@3.50

POULTRY AND GAME.

Live hens ....10@12c
do roosters ....6@7c
do turkeys ...15@17c
do spring chickens ..10@12c
do geese ....11@12c
do ducks ....13@14c
Dressed hens...14@15c
do roosters ..10@11c
do turkeys...20@22c
do spring chickens ..15@16c
do Long Island ducklings 20c
do ducks ....16@17c
do capon, lb..26@27c
Squab, doz. $4.00
do No. 2 ....$3.75
Ducks, ruddy $1.25
do red head.$1.75@3.00
do canvas-back ..$2.75@3.00
Imp. golden plover, doz. $5.50
do black plover..$4.50
do grouse $2.50
do partridges ..$2.25
English pheasants, per pair $1.25
Reed birds, doz..$1.25
Snappers, per lb..9@10c
Rabbits, pair...35@40c
Woodchuck ....40@50c
Suckling pigs,lb.10@12c
Pigeons, doz..10c@$1.00

JOBBERS' YARD PRICES.

Potatoes, Mich. carlots ....40@50c
do bu. ....40@48c
do Ohio, carlots ....53@55c
do bu. ....55@58c
Onions, bbl...$2.40@2.50
do bu....$1.00@1.10
Cabbage, G. seed, ton ...$13.00@14.00
do domestic, ton ...$8.00@8.50
Apples, fancy, bbl. ....$1.80@2.50
do choice, bbl. ....$1.25@1.50
do bulk, bbl. ....$1.00@1.25
Sweets, K. D., Jersey, bbl. ....$3.50@3.75
do crate....$1.15@1.20
Rutabagas, bu..30@35c
Carrots, per ton ....$15.00@16.00
Parsnips, ton ....$18.00@20.00
Squash, Hub, ton ....$10.00@12.00
do marrowfat, ton ....$20.00@25.00
Turnips, bbl.$1.25@1.50
Beets, bbl...$1.50@1.75
Holly, crates.$2.75@3.00

SEEDS.

Clover, from store, recleaned, 60-lb bu small.$8.00@8.10
do mammoth ...$8.10@8.20
do crimson.$4.50@4.75
do white ....$9.75@11.50
Alsike ....$8.50@9.25
Alfalfa ....$8.50@9.00
Millet, Western ..$1.25@1.50
Southern ..$1.75@1.80
Grass, Hungarian ....90c@$1.00
do lawn, lb...10@18c
do blues, 14-lb bu....$1.25@1.50
do red, recleaned, 14-lb bu.$1.10@1.60
Timothy ....$1.45@1.50

NUTS.

Filberts ....11@12c
Eng. walnuts...12@15c
do dom ....90c@$1.00
S. S. almonds....16½c
Tarr. almonds 15c
Mixed ....10@11c
Brazil ....9@11c
Italian chestn'ts.9@10c
do domestic, choice, lb....5@6c
do fancy, lb....8@9c
do dried Italian, lb.7c
Shellbarks, bu....$1.50@1.75
do new....$1.75@2.00
Pecans 10c
Peanuts, fancy roasted $1.60
do choice $1.30

SALT FISH.

Mackerel, No. 1 mess, bbl....$26.00
do half bbl....$11.50
do quar. bbl....$6.00
Mackerel, No. 1 plaln, bbl....$20.00
do half bbls....$10.60
do quar. bbl....$6.25
do 20-lb pails..$2.40
do 10-lb pails..$1.75
Mackerel, No. 2 large, bbl....$16.50
do half bbls....$8.50
do quar. bbls....$4.35
do 20-lb pails ..$1.90
do 10-lb pails..$1.00
do No. 2 Irish, 50-lb tubs $5.00
Lake herring, 100 lbs. $3.35
do 30-lb $1.35
do 10-lb 50c

DRIED FRUIT.

Apricots, evap., bags ....10@12c
do 25-lb boxes ..10¼@12½c
Apples, bulk ...6¾@7c
do 1-lb cartons ....7½@8c
Peaches ....7@10½c
Raisins, seeded, 1-lb pkg..7½@7¾c
Raisins, Muscatel, 2 and 4 crown 50-lb boxes..6@6½c
do Ondaria Val ....8@8¼c
do Cal. Val....7@7½c
Currants, cleaned, 25 and 60-lb pkgs. ....6¼@6¾c
Prunes ....3@8c

CHRISTMAS GREENS.

Holly, crate.$3.00@3.25
do wreaths, each, doz. ....$1.25@1.50
Ground pine, yd..4@5c
do wreaths, doz. ....$1.25@1.50
Ground moss, bbl. ....$2.00@2.25
do crate....$1.00@1.25
Christmas trees, bundle ...$1.00@1.25
Immortelles, per box....$3.00@3.50
Magnolia wreaths, doz. ....$1.25@1.50
Laurel wreaths, doz. ....$1.25@1.50
do yard ....4@5c
Mistletoe, lb. ....20@25c
Needle pines, doz. ....$1.75@2.00
California pepperwood, crate.$7.00@8.00

HIDES.

No. 1 green steer, heavy 9c
do light, under 60 lbs, and cows, all weights 8c
No. 1 green bulls...6c
Green salt or cured, No. 1 steers, over 60 lbs....11c
do No. 2 ....9c
Cows and lig't hides.10c
Calfskin, No. 1....12c

HERBS.

Sage, doz. ....20@25c
Summer savory, doz. ....20@25c
Sweet marjoram, doz. ....20@25c
Lemon thyme, doz. ....20@25c

Butter, Eggs and Cheese.

NEW YORK, Dec. 15.—Butter quiet, unchanged; receipts, 5,022 pkgs. Cheese firm, unchanged; receipts, 2,340 pkgs. Eggs steady, unchanged; receipts, 5,890 pkgs.

CHICAGO, Dec. 15.—On the produce exchange today the butter market was steady; creameries, 16@26c; dairies, 16@22c. Eggs easier; at mark, cases included, 20½@25c; firsts, 25c; prime firsts, 27c; extras, 29c. Cheese steady, 11@12c.

PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 15.—Butter firm and in good demand; extra western creamery, 28c; nearby prints, 31c. Eggs dull and weak; nearby fresh, 32c at mark; western, 31c. Cheese firm; New York full creams, fancy, 12¼c; choice, 11¾@11¾c; fair to good, 11@11½c.

STRONG MARKET WAS FEATURE OF THE DAY

It Was Caused by Reports of Decreased Movement of Wheat.

[By Associated Press to The Gazette.]

CHICAGO, Dec. 15.—Decreased movement of wheat, both northwest and southwest, caused a strong market here today. At the close May delivery was up ⅝@⅝c. Corn and oats both show a gain of ⅝c. Provisions are up a shade to 15c.

Irresponsive cables and reports of excellent harvest weather in Argentina caused considerable selling of wheat at the opening. As a result, sentiment in the pit was rather weak. Initial quotations on May were a shade to ⅛@⅛c lower at $1 00⅝@1 00⅞. As an offset to the bearish influences, however, receipts in the northwest were again easy and light, and prospect of an increased movement were said to be very meager. A message from Minneapolis stated that indications pointed to a sharp falling off in receipts inasmuch as many of the large elevator companies in that section of the country have stopped shipments. Following higher prices for wheat today in northwestern markets, many Minneapolis commission houses were active buyers here. This started free covering by local shorts. With only moderate offerings prices gradually advanced. Later in the day the strength was accentuated by reports from the southwest asserting an impending scarcity of wheat for milling purposes. Advices from Kansas City quoted one of the most prominent millers in Kansas as saying the mills of that state have only sufficient wheat to last 18 days. Heavy buying, supposed to be for the account of a leading long, was an additional factor tending to strengthen the market. At $1 11 May reached the highest point of the day. The market closed strong, with May at $1 10⅝. Clearances of wheat and flour were equal to 56,300 bushels. Primary receipts were 566,900 bushels, compared with 805,900 bushels a year ago. Minneapolis, Duluth and Chicago reported receipts of 457 cars, against 738 cars last week and 481 cars a year ago.

Persistent buying of the May delivery by a prominent elevator concern was the feature of trading in corn. The volume of business was larger than witnessed for some time. Reports from the country indicated an active demand for corn for feeding purposes. With the exception of a slight depression at the start the market was firm throughout the entire day. May opened unchanged to a shade lower at 44½@44¾c to 44⅝c, sold up to 45¼c and closed at 45c. Local receipts were 390 cars, with one of contract grade.

Strength of wheat and corn was one factor responsible for a firm tone in the oats market. Another influence was a decided decrease in local receipts, arrivals today being only 58 cars. May opened unchanged to ⅛c lower to a shade higher at 30¾@30⅞c, sold up to 31⅛c and closed at the top.

Notwithstanding liberal receipts of hogs at the yards, the provisions market was firm the greater part of the day. Strength of grains offset the increased arrivals of hogs. Shorts were the best buyers. At the close May pork was up 12½@15c at $12 87½@12 90. Lard was a shade higher at $7 12½@7 15. Ribs gained 5c at $6 70.

Estimated receipts for tomorrow: Wheat, 25 cars; corn, 414 cars; oats, 19 cars; hogs, 30,000 head.

The leading futures, reported by John D. Armstrong & Co., members of the Chicago board of trade, Farmers Bank building, are as follows:

	Open.	High.	Low.	Close.	Yesterday's Close.
WHEAT No. 2.					
Dec.	1 07⅛	1 07⅞	1 07	1 07⅜	1 06⅝
May ..	1 09¾	1 11	1 09⅝	1 10⅝	1 09⅛
July ..	98½	99⅛	98½	98⅝	98⅝
CORN, No. 2.					
Dec.	45¼	46	45	45½	45¼
May ..	44⅝	45¼	44⅝	45	44⅝
July ..	45	45½	45	45½	44⅞
OATS, No. 2.					
Dec.	28¾	29¼	28¾	29⅛	28¼
May ..	30½	31¼	30⅜	31⅛	30⅜
July ..	30⅜	31⅛	30¾	31⅛	30⅝
MESS PORK.					
Jan. ..	12 40	12 55	12 40	12 55	12 40
May ..	12 75	12 90	12 72½	12 90	12 75
LARD.					
Jan ..	6 85	6 87½	6 85	6 87½	6 85
May ..	7 10	7 15	7 07½	7 15	7 12½
SHORT RIBS.					
Jan. ..	6 45	6 50	6 42½	6 50	6 47½
May ..	6 75	6 80	6 72½	6 80	6 75

Cash quotations were as follows:

Flour steady; No. 2 spring wheat, $1 05@1 14; No. 3, 98c@$1 13; No. 2 red, $1 14½@1 13½; No. 2 corn, 45½@46c; No. 2 yellow, 45¾@45¾c; No. 2 oats, 29¼c; No. 2 white, 31½@31¾c; No. 3 white, 29@31c; No. 2 rye, 73c; good feeding barley, 37@38c; fair to choice malting, 41@48c; No. 1 flaxseed, $1 16; No. 1 northern, $1 24; mess pork, per bbl, $12 25@12 35; lard, per 100 lbs, $6 82½; short ribs sides (loose), $6 25@6 50; short clear sides (boxed), $6 02½@6 75; whisky, basis of high wines, $1 24; clover, contract grade, $12 50.

Articles.	Receipts.	Shipments.
Flour, bbls	32,700	28,100
Wheat, bu	84,000	41,000
Corn, bu	476,100	205,300
Oats, bu	121,800	127,700
Rye, bu	3,000	3,000
Barley, bu	68,200	20,500

NEW YORK, Dec. 15.—Flour—Receipts, 13,393 bbls; exports, 107 bbls; dull but steady. Rye flour steady. Buckwheat flour quiet. Cornmeal firm; fine white and yellow $1 30@1 35. Grain—Rye nominal. Barley quiet. Wheat—Receipts, 31,000 bu; spot firm; No. 2 red, nominal; No. 2 red, $1 18 f o b afloat; No. 1 northern, Duluth, $1 22¾ f o b afloat; No. 1 hard, Manitoba, nominal f o b afloat. Options—Speculative demand being more urgent today, wheat acted stronger, advancing nearly a cent a bushel on lighter receipts, a bullish price current report, better southwest cash demand and good bull support. Final prices showed ¼@¾c net advance. May, $1 11⅜@1 12⅝, closed $1 12 7-16; July, $1 02⅜@1 03⅝, closed at $1 03⅛; December, $1 17@1 17⅛, closed $1 17. Corn—Receipts, 98,800 bu; exports, 17,100 bu; spot firm; No. 2, 62c; nominal in elevator and 54c afloat; No. 2 yellow, 56c; No. 2 white, 64½c. Option market was firmer, with but very dull, closing ⅝c net higher. December closed 55½c; May closed 51c. Oats—Receipts, 138,000 bu; spot dull; mixed oats, 26 to 32 lbs, 34½@35½c; natural white, 30 to 32 lbs, 35@36½c, clipped white, 36 to 40 lbs, 36@38c.

MINNEAPOLIS, Dec. 15.—Wheat, December, $1 —; May, $1 12½; July, $1 12¾. Flour, $1 11¾@1 11¾; No. 1 hard, $1 11; No. 1 northern, $1 10; No. 2 northern, $1 05. Flour, first patents, $5 80@5 90; second patents, $5 60@5 70; first clears, $4 00@4 25; second clears, $2 60@2 75. Bran in bulk, $14 75.

ST. LOUIS, Dec. 15.—Wheat, No. 2 red, cash elevator, $1 09; May, $1 12⅜; July, 96c. No. 2 hard, $1 10@1 11¼. Corn, No. 2 cash, 41⅞c; December, 42c; May, 42⅞@43c. Oats, No. 2 red, cash, 30c; December, 29½c; May 31⅜c; No. 2 white, 32c.

MILWAUKEE, Dec. 15.—Wheat, No. 1 northern, $1 11; No. 2 northern, $1 04@1 08; May, $1 10⅝ asked. Rye, No. 1, 78@79c. Barley, No. 3, 52c; sample, 36@50c. Corn, No. 3, 42½@42¾c; May, 43½c asked. Oats, No. 3 white, 32c.

DULUTH, Dec. 15.—Wheat, No. 1 northern, $1 09¼; No. 2 northern, $1 03⅛; December, $1 03⅛; May, $1 12⅛.

TOLEDO, Dec. 15.—Cloverseed, cash and December, $7 87½; February, $7 95; March, $8 00; prime alsike, $8 00; prime timothy, $1 90.

NEWS FROM THE MINES.

A Cripple Creek dispatch says: "An entirely new ore shoot has been opened on the Anaconda, and proven at two different points sufficiently to demonstrate its permanency. The find was made by Brentinger and Clements on block 31, and Carl Johnson on block 80. The former opened the ore shoot eight feet below the main tunnel level, and are now working in eight inches of ore that assays from 2 to 16 ounces of gold to the ton."

The Monument Company will this month pay another dividend of 1 cent, amounting to $10,000. This makes the second dividend of this company for the year.

Seventy-seven cars of smelting and crude ores, tailings and concentrates were shipped from the Bingham district to Denver the Colorado & southern during the first week of December. The total weight of the shipments amounted to 1,600 tons.

A dispatch from Anaconda, Mont., says: "William Appleby, discoverer of the famous Daly-West mine in Utah, is said to have duplicated his discovery in finding a wonderfully rich gold vein in his mine in Big gulch, west of this city. Mr. Appleby brought a rough sample of the ore to the city for test, and according to report it goes several thousand dollars a ton. The Big gulch strike has caused much excitement among mining men, and numbers have gone out there to prospect. A first-class copper strike is also said to have been made there, and samples from the strike have been proven rich in that metal. The site of the discoveries is not far from this city and is easy of access."

A dispatch from Idaho Springs, Col., says: "Another strike of great importance has been made the past week in the Little Mattie mine on Chicago mountain. Efforts to maintain secrecy have been made, but the facts have leaked out and have been confirmed by indisputable evidence. When the breast of the seventh level had reached a point 547 feet east from the shaft, a streak of ore was opened up fully 30 inches in width, containing native silver in leaf form. Several assays made of commercial samples taken during the week at different points in the drift, show the ore to carry 45 ounces in gold and 3,110 ounces in silver, or a value of $644 35 a ton. The ore is being sacked for shipment by itself."

The cleanup from the Hidden Fortune Company's mill last week is said to have been the best ever made by that company. This is due to the high-grade ore that has been coming down from the Bingham vein on the north side of the property. Six carloads of this Bingham ore averaged better than $18 a ton. It is mostly free milling and the values are saved on the plates. As soon as the drift is finished the hoisting plant will be started again and the mill, in all probability will be run full capacity. The grade of ore in the Harrison and adjoining mines in the flat formation is still keeping up.

The Queen of the Hills Mining Company has purchased the first carsold of lumber for the 20-stamp mill which is to be built immediately in Whitters gulch at the company's mine. Something like $30,000 in cash is now in the company's treasury for the mill building. The company has a steam hoisting plant and air drills, and has run over 1,100 feet of tunnels and drifts. Ore in the flat formation is found in a six-foot shoot of cement ore and a 12-foot shoot of shale.

An air compressor plant has just been installed at the tunnel of the Homestake Extension Mining Company. The tunnel is now in 150 feet, crosscutting the Homestake formation.

The Metal Market.

NEW YORK, Dec. 15.—The London tin market continued firm, but was much less excited and the net gains were small. Spot closed at £138 2s 6d and futures at £131. Locally, the market was quiet. Demand is only materializing at the advance asked as a result of the London strength, and some holders showed an inclination to grant concessions. Spot is quoted at $29 00@29 09. Copper was a little lower in London, closing at £65 15s for spot and £66 2s 6d for futures. Locally, the market is more or less nominal. Broadly speaking, quotations range from $14 75 to $15 12½, for Lake Superior, but the higher figure is exceptional and $15 00 for the outside would seem to better represent the market. Electrolytic is quoted at $14 75@15 00 and casting at $14 50@14 75. Lead closed at $4 00@4 10 locally, while it was a little lower at £12 15s in the London market. Spelter was unchanged at $5 75@5 87½ in New York and at £25 in London. The iron market was unchanged at 52s 3d in Glasgow and slightly lower at 47s 9d in Middlesboro. Locally, the demand is fairly satisfactory and the tone of the market no better than steady. No. 1 foundry northern, No. 1 foundry southern and No. 1 foundry southern, soft, are quoted at $17 00@17 50; No. 2 foundry northern at $16 50@17 00.

Boston Copper Stocks.

(Reported by A. E. Masten & Co.)

STOCKS.	Open.	High.	Low.	Close Bid.
Allouez	17⅜	18	17⅜	17⅜
Adventure	15⅜			5½
Ahmeek	40			38
Atlantic	16⅜	16⅜	16⅜	16
Bingham	34	34	33½	33½
Calumet & Arizona				70¾
Calumet & Hecla	645	645	645	645
Centennial	24⅞	25	24⅝	24⅞
Calumet & Pgh	43			40
Elm River	2⅜			2½
Franklin	11¼	11¼	11¼	10½
Junction Dev	80			78
Greene	25	27	25⅜	25⅜
Isle Royale	25¼			25
Lake S. & Pgh	45			43
Granby	15			4⅝
Mass	9	9	8⅝	8⅝
Mohawk	50⅝	51	49⅞	49⅞
Michigan	9½	9½	9½	9½
Osceola	92	92	89	90½
Old Dominion	24⅜	24⅜	24⅜	24½
Old Colony	1½			1⅝
Parrot	26¼	26½	26½	26
Phoenix	2⅜			2½
Tsh. & Duluth	22			22
Quincy	102	102	101	101
Range Consolidated	66	67	65½	66
Trinity	11	11¼	11	10¾
Utah	42½	42½	42	42⅛
U. S. Mining	24½	24¾	24½	24½
Victoria	4	4	4	4¼
Wolverine	104½	105	104½	104½
Winona				1¼
Tonopah Montana	1.75			1.50
Tonopah Belmont	1.72			70

†Asked.

New York Mining Stocks.

Adams Con	.20	Little Chief	.05
Alice	.60	Ontario	3.50
Breece	.18	Ophir	.20
Brunswick Con	.10	Phoenix	.08
Comstock Tunnel	.03	Potosi	.13
Con. Cal. & Va	1.65	Savage	.22
Horn Silver	1.55	Sierra Nevada	.45
Iron Silver	1.00	Small Hopes	.26
Leadville Con	.02	Standard	1.00

THE MONEY MARKET.

The local money market remains steady and unchanged at 5@6 per cent on call and time loans. Clearing house comparisons:

	Exchanges.	Balances.
Yesterday	$7,744,826 56	$1,302,441 93
Last week	8,454,908 97	1,604,845 43
Last year	6,562,324 49	785,016 11

Foreign Money Markets.

LONDON, Dec. 15.—Money was in better demand in the market today for the stock exchange requirements. Discounts were affected by the price of bar gold and continental exchanges. On the stock exchange there was a better tendency. There was some anxiety regarding the outcome of the account, with the completion of which operations were largely occupied. Consols were firm. Americans opened weak, recovered, became moderately active, fluctuated, were very sensitive and closed unsettled. Kaffirs were firm. Gold fields were the feature. Imperial Japanese government 6s of 1904 were quoted at 95¾. Consols for money, 87 15-16; consols for account, 88 1-16; bar silver steady at 27 15-16d an ounce; money, 1¼@2¼ per cent; the rate of discount for short bills is 2¼@2⅝ per cent; the rate of discount for three months' bills is 2 13-16@2⅞ per cent.

PARIS, Dec. 15.—The tone of the bourse today at first was heavy, subsequently became stronger and at the closing was firm. Fears in regard to the passage of the proposed income tax law depressed rentes. Rio Tintos were very firm. Russian Imperial 4s were quoted at 92.20 and Russian bonds of 1904 at 501. Three per cent rentes, 88 francs 47½ centimes for the account. Exchange on London, 25 francs 15¼ centimes for checks.

BERLIN, Dec. 15.—The tone of the bourse today was adversely affected by a report circulated here that the United States congress intends to institute legislation to limit trust. Exchange on London, 20 marks 36½ pfgs, for checks; discount rates, short bills, 3 per cent; three months' bills, 4¼ per cent.

Banks and the Treasury.

NEW YORK, Dec. 15.—(Special.)—In redemption of checks drawn by depositors of gold at the San Francisco and Seattle assay offices, today's official records show that the sub-treasury paid out yesterday $14,284. Of this amount $2,186 had been deposited at San Francisco and $12,108 at Seattle. Total thus paid since Friday, $29,915, against $13,907 for the same period a week ago. Total payment by government to New York banks for the day, $5,218,000. Payment by banks to government, $3,764,000. Balance on the day's transactions, $546,000 paid by banks to government. Total net payment by banks to government since Friday, $3,317,000, against $4,788,000 similarly paid for the corresponding period a week ago, and $2,855,000 paid by government to banks a year ago. Included in the foregoing summary is $460,000 deposited by banks with the sub-treasury for payment at interior points. Total thus deposited since Friday, $1,500,000, against $2,960,000 for the same period a week ago.

New York Money Market.

NEW YORK, Dec. 15.—Money on call steady, 2½@3 per cent; closing bid, 2½ per cent; offered at 3 per cent; time loans easy and dull; 90 and 90 days and six months, 3¾ per cent; prime mercantile paper, 4¼@4½ per cent; sterling exchange strong, closing firm, with actual business in bills at $4 87.45@4 87.50 for demand and at $4 84.45@4 84.50 for 60-day bills; posted rates, $4 85@4 85½ and $4 88; commercial bills, $4 84½; bar silver, 56⅝c; Mexican dollars, 48¼c; government bonds irregular.

Foreign Bank Statements.

LONDON, Dec. 15.—The weekly statement of the Bank of England shows the following changes: Total reserve, decreased £463,000; circulation, decreased £195,000; bullion, decreased £657,651; other securities, increased £51,000; other deposits, decreased £992,000; public deposits, increased £204,000; notes reserve, decreased £276,000; government securities unchanged; proportion of the bank's reserve to liability this week, 45.37 per cent, as compared with 46.83 per cent last week.

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TRIED TO BLOCK CURRENCY BILL

Speaker Cannon Decides Tie Vote Caused by Democratic Obstructive Tactics.

SWAYNE CASE IN THE SENATE

[By Associated Press to The Gazette.]

WASHINGTON, Dec. 15.—Discussion of the bill "to improve currency conditions" was resumed in the house today, but throughout the session its advancement was beset with obstructive tactics by the Democrats, led by Mr. Williams of Mississippi, the minority leader.

The Democrats mustered sufficient strength to force Speaker Cannon to break a tie vote in order that the bill might be taken up, the Democrats assuming their attitude of antagonism because Mr. Hill of Connecticut, in charge of the bill, refused to postpone its further consideration in consequence of illness of Mr. Bartlett of Georgia, leader of the opposition.

After Mr. Adams of Pennsylvania had spoken in favor of the bill, general debate was closed by a vote of 93 to 66, and the house, by 122 to 107, then considered the bill under the five-minute rule.

An amendment was offered by Mr. Williams requiring the payment of interest by banks on government deposits, and limiting the amount to be so deposited in any one bank bidding in competition for the same.

Cockran Urges Republicans.

Mr. Hill, opposing the amendment, said that as the bill was purely an administrative one the government should be permitted to handle its money in exactly the same way as an individual would apply to himself.

This statement caused Mr. Cockran of New York to remark that for that reason he would support the amendment. Declaring that the Democrats were not suggesting a party measure, but rather joining with the Republicans to make the conditions more secure, Mr. Cockran urged his Republican colleagues to vote for the amendment.

Mr. Williams said the money should go to those parts of the country engaged in productive enterprises, and not to the sections where there was gambling in wheat and corn.

The bill was laid aside.

The senate spent practically the entire day discussing the Philippine administration bill. A number of amendments were suggested and debated, among them being provisions relating to railroad bonds, including locations and tariff rates. Under unanimous agreement the vote on the bill will be taken tomorrow and the disposal of all amendments will take place at the same time.

Entered Swayne Impeachment.

A formal order to enter on the Swayne impeachment proceedings was adopted, but it did not fix a day for beginning the work. Mr. Platt of Connecticut, chairman of the select committee to consider the recommendations of the house of representatives for the impeachment of Judge Swayne, presented the report of that committee, in the shape of an order which, after reciting the circumstances in a preamble, proceeded as follows:

"Ordered, That the senate will, according to its standing rules and orders in such cases provided, take proper action thereon upon the presentation of the articles of impeachment of which due notice shall be given to the house of representatives."

The resolution was agreed to.

The urgent deficiency appropriation bill was passed without debate.

PENNSYLVANIA NOMINEES CONFIRMED BY SENATE

WASHINGTON, Dec. 15.—The senate today confirmed the following nominations of Pennsylvania postmasters: Henry O. Garber, Berwyn; James C. McGregor, Indiana; Abraham F. Berkey, Windber; Charles Clawson, Mercer; Andrew C. Allison, Mifflintown; Lyman L. Shattuck, Pleasantville; John W. Miller, South Sharon.

THE THREE RIVERS

[Special Telegram to The Gazette.]

CINCINNATI, O., Dec. 15.—At 8 p. m. today the Ohio river at Cincinnati was 3.9 feet and falling. Weather clear, cold and windy. Gorges in the Ohio river formed during last night at Four Mile bar, Coney Island dyke, Columbia riffles, Fern Bank, Medoc bar and Lawrenceburg.

WHEELING—River 18 inches and stationary. Cloudy and cold. The Barnsdall is icebound and is now in the harbor.

GALLIPOLIS—River 2 feet 11 inches and falling. Cloudy and cool.

WARREN—River frozen. Clear and cold.

MORGANTOWN—River 5 feet 4 inches and falling. Cloudy and cold.

POINT PLEASANT—River 2 feet and stationary. Cloudy. No ice passing.

PARKERSBURG—River 1.7 foot and falling. River frozen. Clear and cold.

GREENSBORO—River 5 feet 5 inches and stationary. Fair and cold. River closed.

OIL CITY—River 2 feet and stationary. Clear and cold.

STEUBENVILLE—River 2 feet and rising. Due to water backing up. Clear and cold. The Sam Clark broke up the ice along the water front today.

PACKETS ARE ALL TIED UP.

Pittsburgh & Morgantown Line Suspends Because of Ice in River.

The stage of water at Davis Island dam at 8 o'clock last night was 1.6 feet and the river was stationary.

With the exception of a few jobbing boats in the lower pools, all navigation on the local rivers is now suspended. The Pittsburgh & Morgantown packet line suspended operations yesterday. The Dewey and Rose Hite were both due in last night and will not go out again until the ice gets out of the upper pools.

Neither the Rose Hite nor the Dewey were able to reach Morgantown on the last trips. The ice in the upper pools is about four inches thick, and it was simply impossible for the boats to make any headway. The Hite got to Greensboro at 10 o'clock yesterday morning, unloaded and started back to Pittsburgh. The Dewey followed in her wake and had less difficulty getting up that far. The Hite only made a mile an hour during the last part of her run to Greensboro. Yesterday the company refused all freight for up-river points and nothing will be done until a rise clears the river.

George Woods, one of the best-known pilots on the local rivers, is reported to have committed suicide Tuesday in San Francisco by shooting himself. Woods left for that city several weeks ago. He was employed by the River Coal Company and was considered one of the best pilots on the river. He had domestic trouble before leaving here, and it is believed his mind was unbalanced. He was about 45 years of age and leaves a widow and three children by a former marriage.

There will be a meeting of Pittsburgh Harbor No. 26 tomorrow morning at the headquarters. This is to be the last meeting of the current year and an amount of business is to be cleaned up.

The Braddock came down with a tow yesterday from the Gates mines for the Schoenberger mills.

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BIDS ARE OPENED FOR BUILDING OF WARSHIPS

Newport News Company Submits Lowest Figures for Cruisers and Battleships.

[By Private Wire to The Gazette.]

WASHINGTON, Dec. 15.—Bids for construction contracts of the new armored cruisers North Carolina and Montana and the battleship New Hampshire were opened at the navy department today. The lowest bids were submitted by the New York Shipbuilding Company of Camden, N. J., and by the Newport News Shipbuilding and Dry Dock Company of Newport News, Va. The latter offered to construct the armored cruisers within 36 months of the date of contract for $3,575,000 and the battleship within 36 months for $3,650,000.

These figures were the lowest submitted, but the naval appropriations bill provides that contracts for not more than two ships be awarded at the same time to a single company. The New York Shipbuilding Company, which offered to build the battleship within 38 months for $3,748,000 will accordingly probably be given the contract for the battleship, while the Newport News company will get the two armored cruisers.

The United States Shipbuilding Company was represented by the Union Iron works of San Francisco, which offered to build both cruisers within 42 months for $3,850,000 each.

TWO RURAL MAIL CARRIERS DISMISSED FROM SERVICE

Charge of Meddling in Politics Causes Postal Employes to Lose Their Jobs.

[By Associated Press to The Gazette.]

WASHINGTON, Dec. 15.—As the result of an investigation of their activity during the recent political campaign, Warren F. Tumber, a rural mail carrier at Lockport, N. Y., and H. W. Aldrich, a rural carrier of Concord, N. H., both officials of the National association of Rural Free Delivery Carriers, today were removed forthwith from the government service by Postmaster General Wynne. Tumber is secretary of the national association of the carriers, and he and Aldrich are members of its legislative board.

The charges were that the dismissed men sent out circular letters during the last campaign to candidates for congress, urging legislation in the interest of the carriers and demanding that the men to whom the letters were addressed pledge themselves to vote for such legislation.

President Cunningham, who was dismissed Tuesday, and Secretary Tumber, according to the postal authorities, framed the circular and Tumber signed it as secretary and issued it. Aldrich was one of the executive committe who agreed on the work which was subsequently carried out.

MUST PAY BACK ALIMONY AMOUNTING TO $33,301

California Divorce Does Not Free Husband from Decree of Chicago Court, Windy City Judge Holds.

[By Associated Press to The Gazette.]

CHICAGO, Dec. 15.—George F. Harding, Chicago millionaire and clubman, has lost his contest over the payment of $300 a month alimony to his wife, Mrs. Adelaide M. Harding. In an opinion given today, Judge Gibbons found Harding not only responsible for future payments, but in contempt of court for arrearages of the amount of $33,301. This amount Harding must pay within 10 days or go to jail.

After a bitter contest and an appeal to the supreme court, Harding won a suit for absolute divorce in San Diego, Cal. Judge Gibbons, however, holds the separate maintenance decree of the Cook county court is still binding, notwithstanding the divorce granted by the San Diego court.

New President of Switzerland.

BERNE, SWITZERLAND, Dec. 15.—The bundesrath today elected M. Ruchet, vice president of the federal council, to be president and M. Porrer, minister of commerce, industry and agriculture, to be vice president of the confederation for 1905. Both are Radicals.

PORT OF PITTSBURGH PAYS SURVEYOR $5,000

Treasury Statement Shows Emoluments of Customs Offices of Western Pennsylvania.

[By Private Wire to The Gazette.]

WASHINGTON, Dec. 15.—The secretary of the treasury today transmitted to congress a statement showing the emoluments of the officers of the customs service for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1904. It is shown that M. M. Garland, surveyor of the port of Pittsburgh, received in salary and fees during the year $5,000. B. B. Brown, collector at Erie, Pa., received in salary and fees, $3,362.

Senator Penrose today introduced a bill providing a pension of $72 a month to Georege W. Wertz, late member of company A, Ninety-sixth Pennsylvania volunteer infantry.

The senate today passed a bill amending the act which authorizes Washington and Westmoreland counties to construct a bridge across the Monongahela river; that it shall read: "That this act shall be null and void if actual construction be not commenced within one year and completed within three years from February 21, 1905." The amended bill passed the house December 12 and now goes to the president for approval.

Representative Aubrey Thomas of Ohio will tomorrow introduce a bill which will provide for the appropriation of $100,000 for a new postoffice at Ashtabula and $50,000 for additions to the Warren postoffice building.

L. W. STRAYER.

HAS A BILL TO ABOLISH ALL OF THE TOLL BRIDGES

Representative Kennedy Will Ask Legislature to Put Half the Burden on State.

Representative T. L. Kennedy of Beaver will introduce into the legislature a bill to abolish toll bridges over navigable streams. Twenty taxpayers living in the county or counties where a bridge is located, can petition the court for an abolition of the tolls. Six viewers will investigate and report to the court.

When the viewers' report is approved by the court, grand jury and the state board of public buildings and funds, the county shall take charge of the bridge and abolish the tolls. Where but one county is interested, it will pay one-half and the state the other half of the cost. In case the bridge connects two counties, each county pays one-fourth. The owners of a bridge can take an appeal.

Under the proposed act the bridges between Pittsburgh and Allegheny can be freed. Mr. Kennedy holds that the bridge corporations have been paying a state tax so long the commonwealth can afford to share the expense. The act will be retroactive. This provision is to secure the support of counties that have already abolished toll bridges. It will be possible for them to recover one-half of the purchase money from the state.

HOMESTEAD WORKMEN DRAW PAY ON FRIDAYS HEREAFTER

The Carnegie mills at Homestead will hereafter pay their employes on Fridays instead of Saturdays, which has been the custom since the big plants were started. The new schedule of pay days for 1905 was announced yesterday. The change is said to be welcomed by the merchants of Homestead. It is intended that the 7,000 men at the plant will be paid between the hours of 8 a. m. and 5 p. m.

U. S. SCHOONER MOHAWK SINKS AT THE DOCK

NORFOLK, Dec. 15.—The United States schooner Mohawk sank at her mooring at the navy yard today. Her engineer, who stuck to the whistle cord blowing signals of distress until the vessel went down, was rescued with difficulty by members of the crew who had sought safety on the wharf when the tug was discovered to be settling.

School Girls in Greek Pantomime.

The members of the Sheraden High school last night gave a Greek pantomime in the Harwood school hall. Six senior members of the high school took part and were assisted by girls from other classes. The costumes were in keeping with the character of the pantomime and the play was a success. The seniors taking part in the pantomime were the Misses Irene Hyatt, E. Henderson, Isla McNary, Abbie Fleming, Elizabeth Johnson and Ella Samoerteh.

NOTHING BUT RIOTING IN HUNGARIAN DIET

Opposition Howls Down All Attempts of Premier Tisza to Talk.

[Associated Press Cable to The Gazette.]

BUDAPEST, HUNGARY, Dec. 15.—There were turbulent scenes in the lower house of the Hungarian parliament again today. Count Andrassy, Francis Kossuth and Count Apponyi attacked the new rules. When Premier Tisza attempted to speak, he was howled down, and the vice president suspended the sitting twice.

At a third attempt to continue business the government by a majority of 76 managed to carry a motion summoning Deputy Lengyel to appear before the committee on privilege for disorderly conduct in the house, but when Premier Tisza again rose to speak he was once more howled down, the opposition informing the premier that he would not be allowed to speak until the new rules were withdrawn. Whistles and mouth organs were requisitioned and added to the deafening din occasioned by the slamming of desks and the shouting of the deputies, the whole opposition chanting in chorus, "Resign! Resign!" With folded arms the premier stood for a full half hour. Each time he opened his mouth demoniacal shrieks drowned his voice. Finally the sitting was suspended for the third time.

COKE PRODUCTION INCREASED MORE THAN 7,000 TONS

Also Gain in Shipments—Shortage of Water Prevents Firing of More Ovens.

[Special Telegram to The Gazette.]

CONNELLSVILLE, PA., Dec. 15.—The coke production last week increased more than 7,000 tons and the shipments gained 8,000 tons over the week previous. The railroad companies made good on the supply of cars. The Connellsville region gained on western consignments and fell off in the Pittsburgh shipments, while the Masontown field gained in the Pittsburgh shipments, but fell off in consignments to the west. The Masontown field increased its output nearly 500 tons last week. There has been no abatement of the water shortage. Of the seven plants which have been without a water supply four have resumed in a small way. The demand warrants firing several hundred more ovens, but the inadequate water supply makes this impossible. There are nearly 1,500 ovens under construction.

A summary of the Connellsville region corrected to Saturday, December 10, shows a total of 23,137 ovens, with 18,838 in blast and 4,299 idle. The changes include the addition of 300 ovens to the active list. Of the 83 active plants in the Connellsville region 78 (17,982 ovens) made six days, four (748 ovens) made five days and the 119 ovens of the Semet Solvay plant made seven days, an average of 5.95 days. The five-day plants were all producing foundry coke. Production estimated upon ovens drawn amounted to 223,466 tons, an increase of 7,604 tons over the previous week. The shipments aggregated 9,708 cars, distributed as follows: To Pittsburgh and river points, 3,181 cars; to points west of Pittsburgh, 5,592 cars; to points east of Everson, 1,115 cars, a total of 9,798 cars, an increase of 283 cars. The shipments amounted to 220,556 tons, an increase of 6,388 tons over the previous week. The shipments from the Masontown field aggregated 1,873 cars, distributed as follows: To Pittsburgh and river points, 689; to points west of Pittsburgh, 1,103 cars, a total of 1,873 cars, a net increase of 27 cars. These shipments, estimated at 52,443 tons, are an increase over the last report of 448 tons.

FAT WOMAN COMPLETES FAST OF FORTY-EIGHT DAYS

ROGERS, ARK., Dec. 15.—A physician here is authority for the statement that Miss Carrie Sawney has just completed a self-imposed fast of 48 days with no ill effects. She weighed 240 pounds at the beginning of her fast, and now weighs 200 pounds. For the 48 days she subsisted entirely on water.

SON IS HELD TO AWAIT RESULT OF FATHER'S INJURIES

Constable Reese Davies of Versailles yesterday arrested John Clark, colored, in McKeesport and took him to jail to await the result of injuries which he is alleged to have inflicted upon his father, Richard Clark, who is now in the McKeesport hospital.

Crazy Horse Doctor Ran Amuck.

EL PASO, TEXAS, Dec. 15.—Joseph Craig, a veterinary surgeon from Ontario, Canada, became suddenly insane here, cutting and perhaps fatally wounding W. D. Richards, a railroad man, and Police Captain W. D. Greet. Craig was shot by a policeman, but was not killed.

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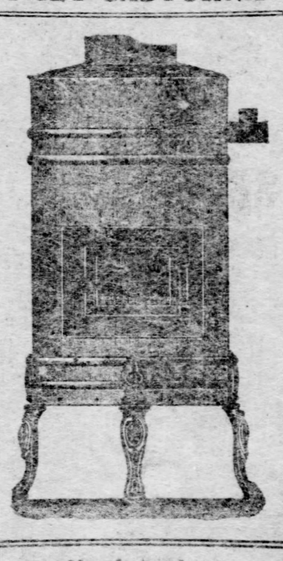

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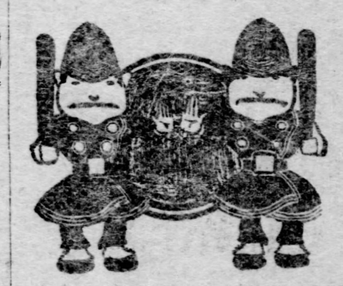

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Columbus and Cincinnati	* 4.50 am	* 8.40 pm
Alliance and Crestline	* 6.00 am	* 4.55 pm
Cleveland and Bellaire	* 7.00 am	* 7.25 pm
Wellsville and Bellaire	* 8.20 am	* 4.55 pm
Alliance and Cleveland	* 8.20 am	* 1.05 pm
New Castle and Erie	* 6.20 am	* 8.20 pm
New Castle and Erie	* 6.30 am	* 5.05 pm
Youngstown and Ashtabula	* 6.30 am	* 5.05 pm
Ohio Valley Express	* 8.10 am	* 8.20 pm
Salem and Alliance	* 7.00 am	†10.45 pm
Fort Wayne and Chicago	* 7.00 am	* 4.55 pm
Wellsville and Bellaire	* 7.40 am	* 4.55 pm
Wellsville and Bellaire	* 7.30 am	† 8.55 pm
Mercer and Oil City	* 7.35 am	†10.55 am
Jamestown and New Castle	* 7.35 am	† 1.20 pm
Jamestown and New Castle	* 2.35 am	† 8.20 pm
Youngstown and Ashtabula	* 7.35 am	† 8.20 pm
The Cleveland Express	* 8.00 am	* 3.40 pm
Columbus and Cincinnati	* 8.40 am	* 5.40 pm
The Toledo Special	*11.30 am	* 7.40 pm
Columbus and Chicago	12.15 pm	* 2.00 pm
Youngstown, Ashtabula & Jamestown	†12.25 pm	† 5.50 pm
Jamestown and Ashtabula	12.35 pm	†10.35 am
Cleveland and Bellaire	* 1.05 pm	* 4.55 pm
Alliance and Mansfield	* 1.35 pm	†11.00 pm
The St. Louis Special	* 2.00 pm	* 7.10 pm
East Liverpool and Steubenville	* 4.00 pm	* 9.40 am
New Castle and Erie	* 4.20 pm	* 8.50 pm
Mercer and Oil City	* 4.00 pm	† 8.20 pm
Niles and Youngstown	4.30 pm	* 1.50 pm
Jamestown, Youngstown and Niles	* 4.50 pm	* 1.50 pm
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Cons'v. Un'n & Fairm't	* 8.00 am	† 7.45 pm
West Newton Accom	† 3.45 pm	* 8.00 am
Comb., Wash. & Balt.	† 1.00 pm	† 2.45 pm
Conn. Un'n, Morgant'n	† 1.30 pm	†10.50 am
Connels. & Mt. Pleasant	† 3.35 pm	† 5.05 pm
Connellsville Accom	* 4.00 pm	* 8.05 pm
Morgantown, Clarksburg and Weston	† 5.00 pm	†12.50 pm
Philadelphia & New York (Duquesne Limited)	* 6.30 pm	* 9.00 am
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